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Education

The University of Chicago, Chicago, IL
Ph.D., Early American History, 2003
M.A., History, 1996
Earlham College, Richmond, IN
B.A., English and German, 1993

Current and Past Positions

Director/Chief Editor, [The John Dickinson Writings Project](#), 2010–present.
Associate Professor of History, University of Kentucky, 2010–23.
Senior Research Fellow/Visiting Associate Professor of History, MacMillan Center for International and Area Studies/History Department, Yale University, Spring 2011.
Co-editor, with Ian Shapiro, *The Selected Writings of Thomas Paine* (Yale University Press). 2009–14.
Assistant Professor, University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY, 2007–10.
Assistant Professor, St. Mary's College of Maryland, St. Mary's City, MD, 2003–07.
Instructor, St. Mary's College of Maryland, 2002–03.
Instructor, University of Chicago, Summer 2000.
Lecturer, University of Chicago, Winter 2000.
Teaching Assistant, University of Chicago, Winter 1998.
Research Analyst, Educational Excellence Network, Hudson Institute, Indianapolis, IN, 1993–94.

Selected Awards, Fellowships, Grants, and Honors

President, Friends Historical Society, United Kingdom, 2023.
American Library Association, the division of Reference and User Services Association, “[Best Historical Materials for 2020–2021](#)” for *The Complete Writings and Selected Correspondence of John Dickinson*.
Public Scholars Program Grant, National Endowment for the Humanities (\$60,000), for a John Dickinson biography, 2020.
Hallam Award for Best Article, (“An Expansive Conception of Rights: The Abolitionism of John Dickinson”) (\$250), History Department, University of Kentucky, 2019.
State of Delaware grant (\$131,689) for John Dickinson biography, 2019–21.
Hallam Award for Best Article (“Thomas Paine, Quakerism, and the Limits of Religious Liberty during the American Revolution”) (\$250), History Department, University of Kentucky, 2016.
Library Fellowship (\$2,000), The David Library of the American Revolution, 2007.
Robert L. Middlekauff Fellowship (\$4,000), The Huntington Library, 2006.
Library Residence Research Fellowship (\$2,000), American Philosophical Society, 2006.
Monticello College Foundation Fellowship (\$15,000), The Newberry Library, 2005.
Peterson Fellowship (\$1,500), American Antiquarian Society, 2005 (declined).
NEH “We, the People” Summer Stipend (\$5,000), 2005.
Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Fellowship (\$2,000), Library Company of Philadelphia/Historical Society of Pennsylvania, 2002.
Gest Fellowship (\$500), The Quaker Collection at Haverford College, 2000.

Support for the John Dickinson Writings Project

The Gladys Kriebel Delmas Foundation (\$20,000), 2023.
 Publishing Historic Documents Grant, National Historical Publications and Records Commission (\$215,085), 2023–24.
 Scholarly Editions Grant (\$449,998 + \$150,000 match), National Endowment for the Humanities, 2022–24.
 Publishing Historic Documents Grant, National Historical Publications and Records Commission (\$103,575), 2021–22.
 The William Nelson Cromwell Foundation (\$155,000), 2016–24.
 American Philosophical Society, grant (\$5,000), 2020.
 Library Company of Philadelphia, grant (\$5,000), 2020.
 Historical Society of Pennsylvania, grant (\$5,000), 2020.
 McNeil Center for Early American Studies, grant (\$5,000), 2020.
 University of Kentucky, History Department grant (\$1,000), 2020.
 Publishing Historic Documents Grant, National Historical Publications and Records Commission (\$74,751), 2020–21.
 State of Delaware grant (\$168,311), 2019–21.
 University of Kentucky, College of Arts & Sciences Research Grant (\$2,000), 2018.
 Publishing Historic Documents Grant, National Historical Publications and Records Commission (\$74,601), 2017.
 General Society for Colonial Wars (\$9,631), 2013, 2016.
 The Earhart Foundation (\$40,000), 2013–15.
 The Bradley Foundation (\$45,000), 2013–15.
 Private Donors (\$8,100), 2013–14.
 Society for Colonial Wars in the Commonwealth of Kentucky Grant (\$10,464), 2013–14.
 Mutual Mt. Airy (\$1,000), 2013.
 Friends of the John Dickinson Mansion Grants (\$11,000), 2010–13, 2015, 2016.
 Scholarly Editions Grant (\$200,000), National Endowment for the Humanities, 2010–12.
 Franklin Research Grant (\$5,000), American Philosophical Society, 2010.
 Society for Historians of the Early American Republic/Library Company of Philadelphia Fellowship (\$2,000), 2009.
 Association for Documentary Editing Travel Award (\$500), 2006.

Publications**Books**

New Perspectives on the American Founding: Essays on John Dickinson (in progress).
Penman of the Founding: A Biography of John Dickinson. New York: Oxford University Press, 2024.
The Complete Writings and Selected Correspondence of John Dickinson 13 vols. University of Delaware Press/Rutgers University Press, 2020– .
Selected Writings of Thomas Paine. Co-editor with Ian Shapiro. Rethinking the Western Tradition Series. New Haven: Yale University Press, 2014.
Quaker Constitutionalism and the Political Thought of John Dickinson. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2009.

Refereed Articles and Book Chapters

“Black Freedom and Its Limits in the Thought of John Dickinson,” in *1776 or 1619: The Challenge of the American Founding*, ed. Michael Poliakoff (forthcoming).

- “The Friendly Jurisprudence and Early Feminism of John Dickinson,” in *Great Christian Jurists in American History* ed. Daniel L. Dreisbach and Mark David Hall (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2019), 133–59.
- “Myth-Making and Myth-Breaking in the Historiography on John Dickinson,” *The Journal of the Early Republic* vol. 34, no. 3 (2014): 467–80.
- “Thomas Paine, Quakerism, and the Limits of Religious Liberty during the American Revolution,” in *Selected Writings of Thomas Paine*. ed. Shapiro and Calvert. Rethinking the Western Tradition Series (New Haven: Yale University Press, 2014), 602–29.
- “John Dickinson’s Quaker Contributions to the Creation of the American Republic,” in *Faith and the Founders of the American Republic*, ed. Mark David Hall and Daniel L. Dreisbach. (Oxford University Press, 2014), 277–304.
- “The ‘Documentary Democracy’ of the Writings of John Dickinson, Then and Now,” *Scholarly Editing* 34 (2013).
- “Letter to Farmers in Pennsylvania: John Dickinson Writes to the Paxton Boys,” *Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography* vol. 136, no. 4 (2012): 475–77.
- “‘The Character of an Author’: Attribution and Misattribution of the Writings of John Dickinson,” *The Papers of the Bibliographical Society of America* vol. 104, no. 3 (2010): 341–46.
- “Liberty without Tumult: Understanding the Politics of John Dickinson,” *Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography* vol. 131, no. 3 (2007): 233–62.
- “America’s Forgotten Founder: John Dickinson and the American Revolution,” *History Compass* 5/3 (2007).
- “The Quaker Theory of Civil Constitution,” *History of Political Thought* vol. 27, no. 4 (2006): 586–619.
- “Political Obligation and Civil Dissent in Quaker Political Thought,” *Quaker Religious Thought* nos. 106/107 (2006): 68–79.

Invited Articles and Essays

- “John Dickinson: A Founder for Our Times,” *American Heritage Magazine*, Spring 2025.
- “The Sense of America is for Reconciliation: John Dickinson’s Resistance to Independence,” in *The Road to Lexington and Concord: Imperial Crisis and the Making of American Political Order, 1763-1775* (forthcoming).
- “John Dickinson,” *Founders Almanac*. Washington, DC: The Heritage Foundation (forthcoming).
- “‘Puritan’ John Adams and ‘Quaker’ John Dickinson: A Reassessment,” in *We Hold These Truths: The United States at 250*, American Enterprise Institute (forthcoming).
- “John Dickinson,” in *A New History of American Political Thought*, ed. N. Buccola, R. Montas, S. McWilliams. Princeton: Princeton University Press (forthcoming).
- “John Dickinson’s Articles of Confederation,” in *American Stories in 100 Treasures at the Historical Society of Pennsylvania* (Historical Society of Pennsylvania, 2023).
- “An Expansive Conception of Rights: The Abolitionism of John Dickinson,” in *When in the Course of Human Events: 1776 at Home, Abroad, and in American Memory*, ed. William R. Jordan (Macon, GA: Mercer University Press, 2018), 21–54.
- “The Quaker Origins of American Civil Disobedience: An Overview,” in *Annali di Storia dell’ Egesi* vol. 25, no. 1 (2009): 165–79.
- “Quakers,” *Sacred History* (March/April 2006): 36–37.
- “From Necessity, Not Choice: Lessons in Democracy from Early Maryland,” with Anthony K. Lake, *Occasional Papers for The Center for the Study of Democracy* vol. 1, no. 1 (2005).

World Wide Web

- “[The Debate That Gave Us the Electoral College](#),” *TIME Magazine*, October 18, 2024.

- [“A perpetual jealousy, respecting liberty’: John Dickinson on Fundamental Rights,”](#) for Online Library of Liberty, *The Reading Room*, The Liberty Fund, July 2022.
- [“The John Dickinson Draft of the Articles of Confederation,”](#) in *The Panorama: Expansive Views from The Journal of the Early Republic* (2020).
- [“John Dickinson’s Manumission Deed for his Slaves \(1777\)”](#) and [“John Dickinson’s Draft of the Articles of Confederation \(1776\),”](#) for the Historical Society of Pennsylvania’s “Preserving American Freedom Project” (2013).

Encyclopedia Entries

- “Anthony Benezet,” “Civil Disobedience,” “Colonial America: Antiwar Dissent,” “John Dickinson,” in *Opposition to War: An Encyclopedia of United States Peace and Antiwar Movements* ed. Mitchell K. Hall (Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO/Greenwood Praeger, 2017).
- “John Dickinson,” “George Logan,” and “Quakerism” in *The Bloomsbury Encyclopedia of the American Enlightenment*. New York and London: Bloomsbury Academic, 2015.
- “John Dickinson,” “American Enlightenment,” and “Quakerism” in *The Encyclopedia of U.S. Political History: Volume 1: 1500-1783*. Washington, DC: CQ Press, 2010.
- “Civil Disobedience” and “Pacifism” in *The Encyclopedia of Activism and Social Justice* eds. Gary L. Anderson and Kathryn G. Herr, 3 vols. Thousand Oaks, CA: SAGE Publications, Inc., 2007. 1: 336–39 and 3: 1075–78.
- “William Penn,” in *Religion in Geschichte und Gegenwart: Handwörterbuch für Theologie und Religionswissenschaft*, fourth edition. eds. Hans Dieter Betz, et al. Tübingen: J. C. B. Mohr (Paul Siebeck) Publishing Company, 2003.
- “Jeremiads,” in *Colonization and Settlement (1585–1763)*, ed. Billy G. Smith, vol. 2 of the 10-Vol. *The Facts on File Encyclopedia of American History Series*, series ed. Gary B. Nash. New York: Facts on File, 2002.

Book Reviews

- The Opening of the Protestant Mind: How Anglo-American Protestants Embraced Religious Liberty* by Mark Valeri for *The Journal of American History* (forthcoming).
- Confounding Father: Thomas Jefferson’s Image in His Own Time* by Robert M.S. McDonald for *Tennessee Historical Quarterly* vol. 75, no. 4 (2017), 394-95.
- Nixon’s First Cover-up: The Religious Life of a Quaker President* by H. Larry Ingle for *Quaker Studies Journal* vol. 21, no. 2 (2016): 131–36.
- Governed by a Spirit of Opposition: The Origins of American Political Practice in Colonial Philadelphia* by Jessica Choppin Roney for *Quaker History* vol. 104, no. 2 (2015): 43–44.
- Quakers and Abolition*, ed. Brycchan Carey and Geoffrey Plank for *The Journal of the Early Republic* vol. 35, no. 2 (2015): 341–44.
- Roger Sherman and the Creation of the American Republic* by Mark David Hall for *The Journal of American History* vol. 100, no. 3 (2014): 817–18
- A Harmony of the Spirits: Translation and the Language Community in Early Pennsylvania* by Patrick M. Erben for the *American Historical Review* vol. 118, no. 3 (2013): 843–44.
- [Friends at the Bar: A Quaker View of Law, Conflict, and Legal Reform](#) for H-Law (October 2013).
- Religion in America: A Political History* by Denis Lacorne (trans. George Holoch) for *The Journal of Religion* vol. 93, no. 3 (2013): 386–87.
- The Constitution Before the Judgment Seat: The Prehistory and Ratification of the American Constitution, 1787-1791* by Jürgen Heideking for *The Journal of Southern History* vol. 79, no. 2 (2013): 460–62.
- Friends and Strangers: The Making of a Creole Culture in Colonial Pennsylvania* by John Smolenski for *Quaker History* vol.100, no. 1 (2011): 68–69.

- The Haunted Philosopher: James Madison, Republicanism, and Slavery* by Scott J. Kester for *The Historian* vol. 72, no. 4 (2010): 931–33.
- The Founding Fathers Reconsidered* by R. B. Bernstein for *The Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography* vol. 134, no. 1 (2010): 90.
- The Forgotten Founders on Religion and Public Life* by Daniel L. Dreisbach, Mark David Hall, and Jeffery H. Morrison for *The Register of the Kentucky Historical Society* vol. 107 (2009): 270–72.
- From Quaker to Upper Canadian: Faith and Community among Yonge Street Friends, 1801–1850* by Robynne Rogers Healey for *The Journal of Religion* vol. 89, no. 2 (2009): 259–60.
- “Rememb’ring our Time and Work is the Lords”: *The Experiences of Quakers on the Eighteenth-Century Pennsylvania Frontier* by Karen Guenther for *Pennsylvania History* vol. 75, no. 2 (2008): 290–92.
- Troubled Experiment: Crime and Justice in Pennsylvania, 1682-1800* by Jack Marietta and G. S. Rowe for *Quaker History* vol. 96, no. 2 (2007): 69–70.
- Print Culture and the Early Quakers* by Kate Peters for *The Journal of Religion* vol. 87, no. 2 (2007): 278.
- Night Journeys: The Power of Dreams in Transatlantic Quaker Culture* by Carla Gerona for *The Journal of Religion* vol. 86, no. 2 (2006): 310–312.
- The Tendering Presence: Essays on John Woolman* ed. Mike Heller for *Southern Friends: Journal of the North Carolina Friends Historical Society* vol. 27, no. 1 (2005): 72–73.
- The Quakers in America* by Thomas D. Hamm for *The Journal of Religion* vol. 84, no. 4 (2004): 615–617.
- The Creation of America: Through Revolution to Empire* by Francis Jennings for *Quaker History*, vol. 91 no. 1 (2002): 71–72.
- “Network Notes,” monthly reviews of education reform literature in *Network News & Views*, published by the Hudson Institute, September 1993–October 1994.

Journalistic Articles in:

- The Chronicle of Higher Education*
EducationNews.org
The Indianapolis Star
Inside Higher Ed
The Maryland Daily Record
The River Gazette (Maryland)

Other

- Brief of Amici Curiae Historians of Quakerism in Support of Plaintiff Philadelphia Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends et al. v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security* with Stephen W. Angell, Thomas D. Hamm, Julie Holcomb, Isaac Barnes May, Andrew S. Taylor, David Harington Watt submitted to the United States District Court for the District of Maryland, March 2025.
- Brief of Amici Curiae Scholars of the Founding Era in Support of Respondent United States v. Trump* with Holly Brewer, Rosemarie Zagari, Jack N. Rakove, Jonathan Gienapp, Jane Manners, Gautham Rao, Saul Cornell, Alexander Keysar, Joanne Freeman, David Konig, Jill Lapore, Peter S. Onuf, Michael A. Ross, Alan Taylor, submitted to the United States Supreme Court, April 2024.
- Brief of Amici Curiae Scholars of the Founding Era in Support of Respondents Rebecca Harper, et al.* with Jack N. Rakove, Mary Sarah Bilder, Saul Cornell, William Ewald, Joanne Freeman, Jonathan Gienapp, Alexander Keyssar, Peter S. Onuf, Rosemarie Zagari, submitted to the United States Supreme Court, October 2022.
- With Carol Berkin, Richard D. Brown, Joseph J. Ellis, Jack N. Rakove, Gordon S. Wood, “[Group of Historians Challenges Woody Holton’s Interpretation of the Significance of Dunmore’s Proclamation](#),” History News Network, September 7, 2021.

Brief of Amici Curiae Historians of Early American Constitutional, Legal, and Pennsylvania History as Amici Curiae in Support of Respondent City of Chicago, with Nathan Kozuskanich, Paul Finkelman, and Thomas D. Hamm, submitted to the United States Supreme Court, January 2010.

Invited Scholarly Presentations

On John Dickinson:

“To bear the Name of a Quaker?: John Dickinson’s Faith and Practice Late in Life,” Friends Historical Society Presidential Address, November 2022.

“[John Dickinson Manuscripts at the Historical Society of Pennsylvania](#),” Annual Meeting, Board of Directors of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, December 2021.

“[John Dickinson and the Making of the U.S. Constitution, 1776–1788](#),” a three-part virtual seminar with guests Liz Covart, Jack Rakove, and John Kaminski hosted by the Library Company of Philadelphia, October–November 2020.

“Defending the Innocent & Redressing the Injured?: Discovering the Rights Advocacy of Delaware’s John Dickinson,” University of Delaware, October 2019

“Founding Fathers and American Leadership Conference,” Tommy G. Thompson Center on Public Leadership, University of Wisconsin–Madison, WI, September 20, 2019.

Lebanon Valley College, March 2018.

Tour of Dickinson sites in the State of Delaware with Governor John Carney, February 2018.

Mercer University, The A.V. Elliot Conference on Great Books and Ideas, March 2016.

Political Theory Workshop, Notre Dame University, South Bend, IN, April 2013.

University of Delaware History Department, Newark, DE, May 2011.

David Library of the American Revolution, Washington’s Crossing, PA, January 2010.

Morehead State University, Morehead, KY, October 2009.

The Newberry Library, Chicago, IL, December 2005.

“[John Dickinson Manuscripts at the Historical Society of Pennsylvania](#),” to the Board of Directors of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, December 2021.

Constitution Day Address, Kinder Institute on Constitutional Democracy, University of Missouri, September 2018.

Constitution Day Address, University of South Carolina, Upstate, SC, October 2017.

Constitution Day Address, University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY, September 2017.

“Theories of Self-Defense and the Creation of the Second Amendment,” University of Kentucky Law School, Lexington, KY, February 2010.

“The Quaker Origins of the American Constitution,” a roundtable on “The Origins of the Constitution: Beyond Beard?” Annual Meeting of the Society for the Historians of the Early American Republic, Philadelphia, PA, July 2008.

“A Virtual Repeal: Political Obligation and Civil Dissent,” Quaker Theological Discussion Group, Philadelphia, PA, November 2005.

“Liberty without Tumult: Quakerism at the American Founding,” Fellow’s Seminar, The Newberry Library, Chicago, IL, November 2005.

“Ever New, and Always the Same?: The Origins of the Amendable Constitution,” Fellow’s Colloquium, The Newberry Library, Chicago, IL, September, 2005.

“Religion and Politics in Colonial America,” for *Patrons and Aristocrats: 17th Century England and Maryland*, The Jack Coopersmith Summer Programme at the Centre for Renaissance and Medieval Studies, Oxford, England, June 2005.

“Early Quakerism and Civil Disobedience,” 350th Anniversary Celebration of Quakerism, Swarthmore College, Swarthmore, PA, October 2002.

- “The Quaker Contribution to American Political Thought,” Library Company of Philadelphia, Philadelphia, PA, February 2002.
- “Pennsylvania’s 1701 Charter and the Culture of Quaker Dissent,” *Liberty on the Anvil: A symposium to mark the 300th anniversary of the charters granted by William Penn to the Pennsylvania Assembly and the city of Philadelphia*, Historical Society of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA, October 2001.
- “Meddle Not with Government’: The Segregation of Religion and Politics in American Life,” First Annual Gest Lecture Series, Gest Center for the Cross-Cultural Study of Religion, Haverford College, Haverford, PA, November 2000.
- “Friends and Whigs in the Eighteenth Century,” Erasmus Institute Summer History Seminar, University of Notre Dame, South Bend, IN, June 2000.

Scholarly Conferences

- Invited Participant, Institute for Government and Civics, Florida State University, October 2025.
- Invited Participant, “John Dickinson and the Defense of Religious Liberty,” at “A Revolution in Religious Freedom: From the Declaration of Independence to the First Amendment,” Utah Valley University, March 2025.
- “‘The Sense of America...is for Reconciliation’: John Dickinson and the Progress Towards Revolution, 1765–1776,” for “The Road to Lexington and Concord: Imperial Crisis and the Making of American Political Order, 1763–1775,” at the School of Civic and Economic Thought and Leadership, Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ, February 2025.
- Invited Participant, “The Creations of American Republicanisms,” Retirement Conference for Gordon S. Wood, Yale University, November 2024.
- “[‘Quaker’ John Dickinson versus ‘Puritan’ John Adams: The Debate Over Independence](#),” We Hold These Truths: The United States at 250, American Enterprise Institute, Washington, DC, October 2024.
- Organizer and Panelist, Roundtable on “Reconsidering the First Continental Congress at the Semiquincentennial,” Annual Meeting of the Society of Historians of the Early American Republic, Philadelphia, July 2024.
- Invited Participant, “Massachusettensis versus Novanglus: Contending Claims of Liberty and Authority on the Eve of the American Revolution,” The Liberty Fund, via Zoom, November, 2023.
- Invited Participant, “The Law of Nature, Liberty, and the Conditions of the Social Compact,” The Liberty Fund, Amelia Island, FL, November, 2023.
- Invited Participant, “The Long Constitutional Debate, Part 1: Liberty versus Imperial Authority, 1764–1773,” The Liberty Fund, Boston, MA, May 2023.
- Panelist, Roundtable on “Governing the Revolution,” Omohundro Institute of Early American History and Culture, October 2022.
- Organizer and Panelist, “The John Dickinson Symposium: New Perspectives on the Founding Era,” sponsored by the American Philosophical Society, the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, the Library Company of Philadelphia, the McNeil Center for Early American Studies, and the Omohundro Institute of Early American Studies, October 2022.
- Invited Participant, “Meanings of Independence,” American Philosophical Society and the David Center for the American Revolution, Philadelphia, October 2021.
- Panelist, Roundtable on “The Culture of Confederation,” Annual Meeting of the Society of Historians of the Early American Republic, Cambridge, MA, July 2019.
- Panelist, Roundtable on “Political Thought in the Atlantic Revolutions: Beyond the Republicanism/Liberalism Debate,” at the International Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies, Edinburgh, Scotland, July 14–18, 2019.

- Invited Participant, “The Federalists, the Anti-Federalists, and the Constitution they Created,” The Liberty Fund, Santa Barbara, CA, November 2018.
- Panelist, “John Dickinson, the ‘Divine Farmer’: The Rise and Fall of America’s First Political Celebrity,” Annual Meeting of the Society of Historians of the Early American Republic, Cleveland, OH, July 2018.
- Panelist, “John Dickinson and American Indians: Romance and Rights at the Founding,” Annual Meeting of the Society of Early Americanists, St. Louis, MO, March 2018.
- Invited Participant, “Lysander Spooner on Law, Liberty, and Revolution,” The Liberty Fund, La Jolla, CA, January 2018.
- Panelist, “Understanding the Quakers’ Expansive Conception of Rights Through the Activism of John Dickinson,” Quaker Theological Discussion Group at the Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Boston, MA, November 2017.
- Participant, Roundtable on Student Workers on Documentary Editing Projects, Annual Meeting of the Association for Documentary Editing, Buffalo, NY, June 2017.
- Invited Participant, “Domination and Liberty in the Early Roman Republic,” The Liberty Fund, Tucson, AZ, March 2017.
- Invited Participant, “John Dickinson and Slavery,” “When in the Course of Human Events: 1776 at Home, Abroad, and in American Memory, Center for America’s Founding Principles, Mercer University, Macon, GA, September 2016.
- Panelist, “Sisyphus in a House of Mirrors; Or, the Misadventures of an Historian in the Digital Humanities. A Cautionary Tale,” Annual Meeting of the Association for Documentary Editing, New Orleans, LA, August 2016.
- Panelist, “Escaping the ‘Horrid Infatuation’: The Abolitionism of John Dickinson,” 22nd Annual Omohundro Institute Conference, Worcester, MA, June 2016
- Invited Participant, book review panel on H. Larry Ingle’s *Nixon’s First Cover-up: The Religious Life of a Quaker President* (Columbia: University of Missouri Press, 2015) at the Quaker Studies Group, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA, November 2015.
- Featured Speaker, “Sisyphus in a House of Mirrors; Or, the Misadventures of an Historian in the Digital Humanities. A Cautionary Tale,” Center for Digital Humanities, University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL, October 2015.
- Invited Participant, “Virtue, Vice, and Liberty,” The Liberty Fund, Santa Fe, NM, September 2015.
- Participant, “The ‘Documentary Democracy’ of the Writings of John Dickinson, Then and Now,” for the roundtable “How Do Documentary Editors Remain Relevant?” at the Annual Conference of the Association for Documentary Editing, Charlottesville, VA, August 2012.
- Invited Participant, “Liberty and the Protestant Transformation of Law,” The Liberty Fund, Indianapolis, IN, March 2012.
- Invited Participant, “Law, Liberty, Property, and Resistance in the Writings of John Locke,” The Liberty Fund, Tucson, AZ, December 2011.
- Invited participant, “Roger Sherman, Ordered Liberty, and the Creation of the American Republic,” The Liberty Fund, Indianapolis, IN, November 2010.
- Commentator, “Foreign Contact and Colonial Connections,” panel at the Annual Bluegrass Regional Graduate Student Conference, University of Kentucky, February 2010.
- Panelist, “To Preserve the Constitution: Quakerism in the American Revolution,” Winter Meeting of the American Society of Church History, San Diego, CA, January 2010.
- Presenter, “John Dickinson and the French Revolution,” Early American Studies Seminar, Frankfort, KY, November 2009.
- Panelist, “‘My Name Remembered by Posterity’: John Dickinson in the National Memory,” Annual Meeting of the American Historical Association, Washington, DC, January 2008.

- Presenter, “‘The Worthy Against the Licentious’: The Critical Period in Pennsylvania, 1776–1786,” Early American Studies Seminar, Frankfort, KY, October 2007.
- Commentator, “Thorns in Penn’s Crown: Challenges to Quaker Authority in Pennsylvania, 1690–1790,” Annual Meeting of the American Historical Association, Philadelphia, PA, 2006
- Panelist, “‘Let Not Your Lights be Hidden’: Quaker Political Philosophy of Rights in Antebellum America,” winter meeting of the American Society of Church History, Philadelphia, PA, January 2006.
- Presenter, “The Quaker Theory of a Civil Constitution,” Early Modern Workshop, The University of Chicago, Chicago, IL, October 2005.
- Invited Participant, Summer Institute, Jack Miller Center, Princeton, NJ, July 2005.
- Commentator, “Quaker and Women Pietists: Paving the Way for Enlightenment in Europe,” The Young Center for Anabaptist and Pietist Studies, Elizabethtown College, Elizabethtown, PA, February 2005.
- Panelist, “Quaker Pennsylvania: Refuge from Priestcraft?” Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, September 2004.
- Commentator, “The Peace Testimony: Foundations, Expressions, and Limits,” Conference of Quaker Historians and Archivists, Guilford College, Greensboro, NC, June 2006.
- Panelist, “Liberty without Tumult: The Political Thought of John Dickinson,” Biennial Meeting of the Historical Society, Boothbay Harbor, ME, June 2004.
- Moderator/Commentator, “Quakerism, Capitalism, and Community,” Conference of Quaker Historians and Archivists, George Fox University, Newberg, OR, June 2004.
- Invited Participant, “The Constitutional Influence of John Dickinson,” The Liberty Fund, Philadelphia, PA, October 2002.
- Panelist, “Quaker Education for Civil Society: Problems and Potential,” Conference of the Friends’ Association for Higher Education, “Living and Learning in Community,” Guilford College, Greensboro, NC, June 2001.
- Panelist, “Quaker Theology and Early American Political Thought,” Conference of Quaker Historians and Archivists, Earlham College, Richmond, IN, June 2000.
- Participant, Erasmus Institute Summer History Seminar, University of Notre Dame, South Bend, IN, 2000.

Public Lectures and Teaching Presentations

On John Dickinson:

American Revolution Roundtable of Delaware, July 2025.

The Right Angle Club, Philadelphia, PA, June 2025.

Stenton, Philadelphia, PA, June 2025.

Leadership Forum, Washington Memorial Heritage, Valley Forge, PA, April 2025.

Revolutionary War Era Education Forum, School of Education, College of William & Mary, Williamsburg, April 2025.

Center for America’s Founding Principles, Mercer University, Macon, GA, March 2025.

Carpenters’ Hall, Philadelphia, PA, January 2025.

[Ford Evening Book Talk Series](#), Washington Presidential Library, Mount Vernon, VA, January 2025.

The Friends of the John Dickinson Mansion Holiday Gathering, December 2024.

American Revolution Round Table of Philadelphia, October 2024.

Colonial Williamsburg, Professional Development Unit for Interpretive Staff, February 2024.

Constitution Day Address, King’s College, Wilkes-Barre, PA, September 2023.

Sons of the American Revolution, Lexington, KY, December 2021.

- Constitution Day Event, Northwestern Oklahoma State University, Alva, OK, September 2019.
- University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY, November 2017.
- American Humanist Association, Lexington, KY, May 2015.
- Delaware Humanities Forum Joseph P. del Tufo Annual Lecture, Wilmington, DE, October 2014.
- Mutual Mt. Airy, Philadelphia, PA, October 2013.
- The American Revolution Round Table of Delaware, Newark, DE, October 2013.
- Constitution Day Address, George Fox University, Newberg, OR, September 2013.
- The Descendants of the Signers of the Declaration of Independence, Independence Hall, Philadelphia, PA, July 4, 2012.
- The Center for Visions and Values, Grove City College, Grove City, PA, December 2011.
- Quaker Hill Historic Preservation Foundation, Wilmington, DE, October 2011.
- Saturday Symposium for University of Delaware Alumni, John Dickinson Plantation and The Old State House, Dover, DE, October 2011.
- The Society for Colonial Wars in Delaware, Wilmington, DE, May 2010.
- The Society for Colonial Wars in the Commonwealth of Kentucky, Louisville, KY, June 2009.
- The Friends of the Dickinson College Library, Carlisle, PA, March 2008.
- The Annual Meeting of the Friends of the John Dickinson Mansion, Dover, DE, June 2007, 2008, 2009.
- The 50th anniversary celebration of the John Dickinson Plantation, Dover, DE, October 2006.
- “The Historical Context of Thomas Jefferson and Slavery,” Jefferson Unitarian Church, Golden, CO, February 2025.
- “The ‘Critical Period’: Understanding ‘Federalist, No. 1’ in Context,” presented to Kentucky teachers for the Gilder Lehrman Institute and the Kentucky Educational Development Corporation, January 2023.
- “The Historical Context of Thomas Jefferson and Slavery,” Thomas Jefferson Unitarian Church, Louisville, KY, February 2020.
- Colonial Feast Day Presentation, Ashland Elementary School, Lexington, KY, November 2018.
- “A Conversation on the Second Amendment,” American Humanist Association, Lexington, KY, June 2016.
- “William Penn and the Origins of the U.S. Constitution,” Constitution Day Address, George Fox University, September 2015.
- “The Rough Road to Independence,” at the Annual Meeting of the Descendants of the Signers of the Declaration of Independence, Independence Hall, Philadelphia, PA, July 4, 2012.
- “The Religious Origins of the American Constitution,” for Constitution Day, Southern Adventist University, Collegedale, TN, September 2011.
- “Modes of Resistance in the American Revolution,” at *Revolution, Reaction, and Reform in American History*, Kentucky Historical Society, Frankfort, KY, July 2011.
- Demonstration of eighteenth-century women’s clothing at Veteran’s Park Elementary School, November 2010.
- “New England in the Seventeenth Century,” *Founding the American Nation: Summer Institute Assessment* (Department of Education grant), University of Louisville, Louisville, KY, June 2009.
- “Balancing Unity and Dissent in the Quaker Meeting,” Lexington Friends’ Meeting, Lexington, KY, May 2009.
- “The Political Tradition of Barack Obama,” a celebration of Obama’s nomination acceptance speech, Lexington, KY, August 2008.
- “Kentucky in the Early Republic: The Problems of Union and Empire,” Kentucky Historical Society, Frankfort, KY, September 2007.

- “The Religious Origins of Rights Movements,” *Rights Movements: Connections Across Time* sponsored by the PATRIOT Project, Calvert County Public Schools, Fredrick, MD, June 2007.
- “Political Participation in Early America,” *Voting in Democracy: Understanding Elections in Maryland and the United States*, Solomons Island, MD, November 2006.
- “Quaker Constitutionalism as a Way to the Common Good,” in *Politics: Conceptions of Common Good*, Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, VA, April 2005.
- “American and European Revolutions,” *Understanding Economic Trends in History: World Revolutions of the Eighteenth and Nineteenth Centuries* sponsored by the PATRIOT Project, Calvert County Public Schools, Fredrick, MD, July 2005.
- Presenter, “Life, Liberty, and Opportunity: The Struggle for Freedom in Tidewater Maryland, 1634–1865,” *Landmarks of American History for School Teachers* funded by NEH “We, the People,” St. Mary’s City, MD, June 2005.
- “Progressive Era Reform,” *Teaching History Through Expository Text and Literature: Industrialism and Reform* sponsored by the PATRIOT Project, Calvert County, MD, July 2004.
- “Good Quaker or ‘Arrant Coquet?’: Eighteenth-Century Quaker Clothing,” demonstration and discussion of Quaker fashion, Horsham Friends’ Meeting, Horsham, PA, June 2003.
- “Religious Toleration in Early Maryland,” for the course “Maryland in the World” in The Center for the Study of Democracy, St. Mary’s College of Maryland, St. Mary’s City, MD, March 2003.
- Guest Lecturer in “American Political Thought,” DePauw University, Greencastle, IN, May 2001.
- “Constituting a Quaker Government: Pennsylvania’s 1701 Charter of Privileges and the American Tradition of Political Dissent,” *Pennsylvania’s 1701 Charter of Privileges: Celebrating the 300th Anniversary of a Living Experiment in Religious Liberty and Representative Government*, Arch Street Friends’ Meeting House, Philadelphia, PA, February 2001.
- “A Time of Close Tryall: Advice on Surviving Graduate School,” delivered to Haverford College History Majors, Haverford College, Haverford, PA, October 2000.

Popular Multi-Media

- Interview, [This Constitution](#) podcast, Center for Constitutional Studies, Utah Valley University, April 2025.
- Interview, [Civic Education](#) podcast, American Council of Trustees and Alumni, March 2025.
- Interview, [Great Books](#) podcast, *National Review*, February 2025.
- Interview, [Booknotes+](#), C-SPAN, January 2025.
- Interview, [Off the Deaton Path](#) podcast, Georgia Historical Society, December 2024.
- Interview, “[The Author’s Corner](#)” series for “The Way of Improvement Leads Home” blog, December 2024.
- Interview, [Speaking of Writers](#) podcast, December 2024.
- Interview, “[How Religious Were the Founders?](#)” National Constitution Center, December 2024.
- Interview, [Revolution 250](#) podcast, November 2024.
- Interview, [2 Complicated 4 History](#) podcast, November 2024.
- Interview, [Historically Thinking with Al Zambone](#) podcast, November 2024.
- Interview, [TIME Magazine](#), 1:44:23, November 2024.
- Interview, [Thee Quaker](#) podcast, October 2024.
- Interview, [The American Arc](#) blog, The Jack Miller Center, December 2023.
- Interview, “[Pennsylvania Books: Founders’ Series](#),” Pennsylvania Cable Network, September 2022.
- Interview, “[Understanding the Legacy of John Dickinson](#),” The Real America Revolution, February 2022.
- Interview, “[Enlighten Men: The John Dickinson Writings Project](#),” Delaware Public Media, December 2021.

- Interview, [*Ben Franklin's World: Doing History: To the Revolution!*](#) podcast, Omohundro Institute of Early American History and Culture, Fall 2019.
- Promotional video, "[Historian Jane Calvert Shows the Human Side of Founding Father John Dickinson](#)," *UKNOW: University of Kentucky News*, October 2017.
- Interview, *Delaware Today Magazine*, December 2017.
- Interview, [*Ben Franklin's World: Doing History: To the Revolution!*](#) podcast, Omohundro Institute for Early American History and Culture, Fall 2017.
- Interview, [Book TV](#), C-SPAN, aired July 20–21, 2013.
- Featured Historian, "[John Dickinson: Penman of the Revolution](#)," a documentary by Teleduction, aired on WHYY, December 14, 2012.
- Interview, "[Ramble and Rumble with Rabbi](#)" radio program, December 16, 2011.
- Featured Historian, "John Dickinson: Farmer and Politician," orientation video for the John Dickinson Plantation, Dover, DE, June 2008.
- Speaker, "Constituting a Quaker Government: Pennsylvania's 1701 Charter of Privileges and the American Tradition of Political Dissent," *Pennsylvania's 1701 Charter of Privileges: Celebrating the 300th Anniversary of a Living Experiment in Religious Liberty and Representative Government*, Pennsylvania Cable Network, aired February 17, 2001.

Courses Taught at the University of Kentucky

- HIS 108: United States to 1876
- HON 251: The Origins of Activism: Political and Social Dissent in the Early Modern Anglo-American World
- HIS 301: History Workshop
- HON 301: Lives of the U.S. Founders
- HIS 350: United States Founders
- EXP 379: Internship Supervisions (for work at Disney World, FL and Catalina Island, CA)
- HIS 395: Independent Study on Henry Clay
- HIS 395: Independent Study on American Founding Principles
- EXP 396: Internship Supervision (with the John Dickinson Writings Project)
- EXP 396: Internship Supervision (at Ashland: The Henry Clay Estate)
- HIS 460: Colonial American Religious History
- HIS 461: The American Revolution, 1763–1789
- HIS 499: Early American Political History
- HIS 499: Early American Religious History
- HIS 630: Graduate Reading Seminar: Colonial America
- HIS 650: Graduate Reading Seminar: Early American Political Thought
- HIS 650: Graduate Reading Seminar: Early American Religion
- HIS 650: Introduction to Documentary Editing
- HIS 695: Graduate Independent Study on George Logan
- HIS 695: Graduate Independent Study on Loyalists in American Revolution (Fall 2010)
- HIS 710: Research Seminar in American History, 1607–1815
- Gaines Center Fellow Senior Honors Thesis Supervision, 2011–2012.

Courses Taught at St. Mary's College of Maryland

- 105: Legacy of the Modern World (Western civilization, 1450-1945)
- 200: American Civilization (first settlement to late-20th c.)
- 219: Colonial American Survey
- 299: Independent Study

331: Early American Religious History
375: The American Revolution
395: Theories and Uses of History
398: Off-Campus Internship
431: Early American Political Thought
415: Topics in American History: Early American Social History and Material Culture
415: Topics in American History: Religion and the Origins of American Politics
491: Senior Research Project
493/494: St. Mary's Project

Teaching Materials

Course Reader: HIS 108: The U. S. Through 1876.
Course Reader: HIS 461: The American Revolution.
Course Reader: HON 251: The Origins of Activism.
Course Reader: HON 301/HIS 350: Lives of the US Founders

Institutional Service

University of Kentucky, History Department

Member, Graduate Committee, 2015–16, 2017–19, 2021–23
Chair, Planning and Priorities Committee, 2016–17.
Faculty Liaison for the History Graduate Student Association, 2015.
Chair, Works in Progress Committee, 2012–13.
Graduate Committee, 2011–12.
Member, Digital History Committee, 2009–10.
Faculty Advisor, Phi Alpha Theta, 2008–09.
Member, Newsletter Committee, 2007–08.

University of Kentucky, College of Arts & Sciences

Chair, Education Policy Committee, 2017.
Member, Education Policy Committee, 2011, 2015–17.

University of Kentucky, Lewis Honors College

Member, Faculty Appeals Committee, 2020–22.

St. Mary's College of Maryland, History Department

St. Mary's Project Mentor, supervising senior research projects (60-80 pp, original research) for 12 students, 2003-07.
Creator, Colonial American Concentration, implemented Fall 2005.
Author, "History Department Statement on Plagiarism," Fall 2004.
Faculty Advisor, Phi Alpha Theta, 2003-2006.
Faculty Advisor, History Club, 2002-03.

St. Mary's College of Maryland, College

Coordinator, campus visit by Matt Cohen, assistant professor of English, Duke University, to speak on "Those We Don't Speak Of: Indians in *The Village*," October 2006.
Member, Faculty Development Grants Committee, 2005-06.
Member, committees to create interdisciplinary concentrations/minors in Democracy Studies and Museum Studies/Public History, 2004-06.

Co-Author, “*Archive of Americana: Strengthening the Library with a Digital History of American Life and Equipment for a Computer Lab, a Proposal for the Knapp Foundation*,” submitted Spring 2005.

Coordinator, campus visit by University of Chicago Professor of Law Cass Sunstein to speak on “Bad Conformity and Good Dissent,” Feb. 2005.

Coordinator, campus visit by civil rights historian John Dittmer to speak on “The Civil Rights Movement and the Possibilities of Democracy,” Feb. 2005.

Presentation on Project Pericles to *Alumni Lawyers’ Legislative Reception* in Annapolis, Feb. 2005.

Member, Religious Studies Search Committee, 2005.

Co-Director, Project Pericles, 2004-present.

Delegation Leader, *Periclean Program Conference*, Project Pericles, Macalester College, St. Paul, MN, November 2004.

Faculty Ambassador, to a visiting student from Germany, 2004-05.

“Why You Are In College,” delivered at New Student Orientation, August 2004.

Member, Faculty Advisory Board, The Center for the Study of Democracy, 2004-present.

Member, Admissions and Scholarships Committee, 2004-06.

Faculty Advisor, Vegetarian/Health Food Co-Operative, 2004-05.

Faculty Advisor, Equestrian Program, 2003-04.

Consultant, STEP (Student and Teacher Excellence Project), Spring 2003.

Professional Service

Referees and Reviews

Reviewer, *Law and History Review*, 2023

External Reviewer, Tenure and Promotion Committee, Ithaca College, 2018.

Referee, Yale University Press, 2018.

Referee, Oxford University Press, 2017.

Chair, Center for Political History Book Prize Committee, Lebanon Valley College, 2017.

Member, Center for Political History Book Prize Committee, Lebanon Valley College, 2016.

Reviewer, National Historical Publications and Records Commission, Public Engagement with Historical Records program, February 2017.

Reviewer, American Philosophical Society, proposals for the Franklin Research Grant, 2012–13, 2015–16.

Referee, *Journal of the Early Republic*, 2015.

Referee, *Journal of Women’s History*, 2015.

Referee, *The William & Mary Quarterly*, 2014.

Referee, Cambridge University Press, 2013.

Panelist, National Endowment for the Humanities, reviewing proposals for the Humanities Collections and Reference Resources program in the Division of Preservation and Access, November 2012.

Panelist, National Endowment for the Humanities, reviewing proposals for the Scholarly Editions Program in the field of American History, March 2011.

Referee, Cornell University Press, 2010.

Referee, *Journal of Historical Biography*, 2010.

Referee, *Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography*, 2009, 2012, 2013.

Referee, *History Compass*, 2008.

Panelist, National Endowment for the Humanities, reviewing proposals for the Scholarly Editions Program in the field of American History, February 2007.

Referee, *Journal of Women’s History*, 2006.

Panelist, National Endowment for the Humanities, reviewing proposals for *Landmarks of American History and Culture: Benjamin Franklin in Philadelphia*, November 2005.

Panelist, National Endowment for the Humanities, reviewing proposals for “*We, the People*”: *Developing the Teaching of U.S. History through EDSITEment*, Summer 2004.

Editorial/Advisory Boards and Consulting

Member, National Commission on American History and Civic Education, American Council of Alumni and Trustees, 2025.

Lead Scholar, Gilder Lehrman Institute/Kentucky Educational Development Corporation, January 2023.

Senior Historical Advisor, *Reimagining Carpenters’ Hall*, History Making Productions, 2022–24.

Member, Advisory Board of the American Revolution Consortium for Civic Education, 2021– .

Member, John Dickinson Plantation Advisory Board Committee, Delaware Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs, Dover, DE, 2020– .

Member, [University of Virginia Digital Publishing Cooperative: Developing Infrastructures for the Creation, Publication, and Discovery of Digital Scholarly Editions and Projects](#), funded by the National Historical Publications and Records Commission and Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, 2018.

The History Channel, April 2017.

Councilor-at-Large, Association for Documentary Editing, 2015–2020.

Steering Committee, Quaker Studies Group, American Academy of Religion, 2014–present.

Member, Advisory Board, *Quakers: The Quiet Revolutionaries*, by the Gardner Documentary Group, 2010-present.

Steering Committee, Kentucky Early American Studies Seminar, Frankfort, KY, 2010–12.

Consultant, “Dickinson Plantation was a place of solace for framer of the U.S. Constitution,” by Kathryn Canavan in *The News Journal* (Delaware). <www.delwareonline.com>. January 2009.

Consultant, *Two Patriots: John Adams and John Dickinson* by Stacie Hutton, published by *National Geographic*, 2008–2009.

Consultant, Bedford/St. Martin’s Press, for undergraduate primary source course readers in American civilization, 2008.

Consultant, Board of the Friends of the John Dickinson Mansion, Dover, DE, 2007–present.

Member, Editorial Board, *Pennsylvania Magazine: A Journal of Mid-Atlantic Studies*, Pennsylvania Historic Preservation Commission, Harrisburg, PA, 2007–10.

Member, Faculty Advisory Board, The Center for the Study of Democracy, St. Mary’s College of Maryland, 2004–07.

Member, Steering Committee, Conference of Quaker Historians and Archivists, 2003–07.

Consultant/Lecturer, PATRIOT (Patuxent River Institute of Teaching) Program, a project for the professional development of Calvert County, MD, public school teachers, 2002–07.

Training

XML/TEI for Manuscripts Workshop, Brown University, December 2011.

The National Historical Publications and Records Commission’s 39th Institute for the Editing of Historic Documents, Madison, WI, July 2010.

Professional Affiliations

Association for Documentary Editing (nominated member, 2006)

Biographer’s International Organization

Friends Historical Association
Historical Society of Pennsylvania
Pennsylvania Historical Association
Society for Historians of the Early American Republic

Languages

conversational German
reading ability in German
reading ability in French
conversational trucker