

Elizabeth A. Georgian, Ph.D.

Curriculum Vitae

Education

Ph.D. in History, 2011

University of Delaware, Newark, DE

M.A. in History, 2003

University of Delaware, Newark, DE

M.Ed. in Learning Technology and Design, anticipated 2025

University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC

B.A. in History, 2001 (minor: economics)

Hamilton College, Clinton, NY

Honors: *Magna Cum Laude*, History Department Honors, Phi Beta Kappa

Administrative Positions

University of South Carolina Aiken, Aiken, SC

Dept. of History, Political Science, and Philosophy,

Chair

2020-present

Acting Chair

Summer/Fall 2017

REACH Act Coordinator

2021-present

Academic Positions

University of South Carolina Aiken, Aiken, SC

Professor of History

2024-present

Cleora Toole Murray Chair in History

2024-present

June Rainsford Henderson Chair in History

2018-2024

Associate Professor of History

2017-present

Assistant Professor of History

2012-2017

Washington College, Chestertown, MD

Lecturer

2010-2011

University of Delaware, Newark, DE

Adjunct

2004-2011

Teaching Assistant

2002-2004

Widener University, Chester, PA

Adjunct

Fall 2009

Current Projects

Engaged Learning is For Everyone: Making Creative Practices Work for Your Students

An edited collection of essays about faculty member's experiences successfully implementing specific high-impact, engaged learning, and creative practices at community colleges, HBCUs, Hispanic serving institutions, minority serving institutions, institutions with high first-generation populations, schools lacking financial resources, and in programs serving incarcerated and post-incarcerated students. Under consideration with DIO-Press.

Ellenton, 1950: The Cold War Comes Home

A *Reacting to the Past* Game, focused on themes of federalism, national security, and personal liberties related to the forced relocation of the residents of Ellenton, SC to make way for the Savannah River Site, built to provide nuclear materials for the construction of the H-Bomb. Accepted by the RTTP Consortium, stage 1 status

God, Man, and the Devil: The Life and Times of Lorenzo Dow

A cultural biography of Lorenzo Dow, renegade Methodist, prolific publisher, patent-medicine salesman, land speculator, and America's most famous trans-Atlantic itinerant.

Using the Law to Teach: Benefits, Challenges, and Advice for Creating a Mock Trial Program. Co-authored with Matthew P. Thornburg. (Under Review, *The History Teacher*).

Murder on an Island. Co-authored with Matthew P. Thornburg (Under Review, *Political Science Educator*).

Scholarship

Peer Reviewed Journal Articles

"A Tale of Two Trials: Lorenzo Dow and Libel in Nineteenth-Century America," in *The Proceedings of the South Carolina Historical Association*, 2020.

"Medicine and Politics: *The Primitive Physic* and Early American Methodism" in the *Wesley and Methodist Study* 8, no. 1, 2016: 35-51.

"'That Unhappy Division,' Reconsidering the Causes and Significance of the James O'Kelly Schism from a Statistical Perspective," in *Virginia Magazine of History and Biography* 120, no. 3 (Fall 2012): 210-235.

Book Chapter/Essays

"When to Stay and When to Leave: Navigating the Ethics of Working in Broken Systems" in *Introduction to Social Justice*, eds. P.P. Brown and T. Parsons. Cognella Publishing, forthcoming.

"Lessons from Colonel Potter: How to Survive a War Zone, or Your First Year as Department Chair," in *What the Hell Was I Thinking*, eds. Andrew Kemp and Nicholas Daniel Hartlep. DIO Press 2022.

Encyclopedia Articles

- “Charles Finney and Modern Revivalism,” in *Religion and World Civilizations: How Faith Shaped Societies from Antiquity to the Present*, ed. Andrew Holt. Bloomsbury Academic, 2023.
- “First Amendment,” in *Religion and World Civilizations: How Faith Shaped Societies from Antiquity to the Present*, ed. Andrew Holt. Bloomsbury Academic, 2023.
- “Founding of Mormonism,” in *Religion and World Civilizations: How Faith Shaped Societies from Antiquity to the Present*, ed. Andrew Holt. Bloomsbury Academic, 2023.
- “Great Disappointment,” in *Religion and World Civilizations: How Faith Shaped Societies from Antiquity to the Present*, ed. Andrew Holt. Bloomsbury Academic, 2023.
- “Methodism and Race,” in *Religion and World Civilizations: How Faith Shaped Societies from Antiquity to the Present*, ed. Andrew Holt. Bloomsbury Academic, 2023.
- “Methodist Ordination of Women,” in *Religion and World Civilizations: How Faith Shaped Societies from Antiquity to the Present*, ed. Andrew Holt. Bloomsbury Academic, 2023.
- “Dow, Lorenzo,” in *The Encyclopedia of Christianity in the United States*, ed. Mark Lamport. Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, 2017.
- “Methodist Protestant Church,” in *The Encyclopedia of Christianity in the United States*, ed. Mark Lamport. Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, 2017.
- “Republican Methodists” in *The Encyclopedia of Christianity in the United States*, ed. Mark Lamport. Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, 2017.
- “Methodism,” in *Miracles: An Encyclopedia of People, Places, and Supernatural Events from Antiquity to the Present*, ed. Patrick j. Hayes. ABC-CLIO, 2016.
- “Abolitionist Newspapers” in *The Encyclopedia of the Early Republic and Antebellum America*, edited by Christopher Bates. Armonk, NY: M.E. Sharpe Reference, 2010.
- “Evangelical Publishing” in *The Encyclopedia of the Early Republic and Antebellum America*, edited by Christopher Bates. Armonk, NY: M.E. Sharpe Reference, 2010.

Book Reviews

- “*The Spires Still Point to Heaven: Cincinnati’s Religious Landscape, 1788-1873*. By Matthew Smith,” *Journal of the Early Republic*, in press (Winter 2024).
- “*Religion in America: A Political History*. By Denis Lacorne.” *H-FedHist, H-Net Reviews* (August 2018).

- "*Indians in the Family: Adoption and the Politics of Antebellum Expansion*. By Dawn Peterson," *Journal of Southern History* 84, no 3 (August 2018): 734-735.
- "*Objects of Devotion: Religion in America*. By Peter Manseau," *Maryland Magazine of History and Biography* 112, no. 2 (Fall/Winter 2017): 316-317.
- "*God's Almost Chosen Peoples: A Religious History of the Civil War*, by George C. Rabel," *Maryland Historical Magazine* 107 no. 2 (Summer 2012): 257-258.
- "*God of Liberty: A Religious History of the American Revolution*, by Thomas S. Kidd (2010)," *History: Reviews of New Books* (December 2011): 13-14.
- "*American Saint: Francis Asbury and the Methodists*, by John Wigger (2009)," *Maryland Historical Magazine* 105, no. 2 (Summer 2010): 181-183.
- "*Orestes A. Brownson: American Religious Weathervane*, by Patrick W. Carey (2004)," *American Nineteenth Century History* 7, no. 1 (2006): 124-126.
- "*Common Whores, Vertuous Women, and Loeving Wives: Free Will Christian Women in Colonial Maryland*, by Deborah Meyer (2002)," *Maryland Historical Magazine* 98, no. 4 (2003): 486-487.

Referred Conference Papers and Invited Presentations

- "What Really Happens in the Statue of Nature? Competing Quasi-States within a South Carolina Group Home," presented at the annual meeting of the *South Carolina Political Science Association*, Charleston, SC (Mar. 2024).
- "Ellenton, SC: Helping Students Remember the Forgotten Sharecroppers," presented at the annual meeting of the *South Carolina Historical Association*, Newberry, SC (Mar. 2023).
- "The Law and History: Three Approaches to Integrating Pre-Law Studies into Your History Program," presented at the annual meeting of the *South Carolina Historical Association*, virtual (Mar. 2022).
- "Intersections and Intersectionality: Lessons from Establishing a Mock Trial Program at a Public Regional University," presented at the *South Carolina Conference on Innovations in Teaching and Learning (SCCITL)*, virtual (Jul. 2021), presented with Matthew P. Thornburg.
- "A Crying Child: Reconsidering the Ethics of Care from a Personal, Philosophical, and Pedagogical Perspective," at the annual meeting of the *South Carolina Philosophy Association*, virtual (Apr. 2021).
- "Trial by Court, Trial by Press: The State vs. Lorenzo Dow," presented at the annual meeting of the *American Society of Church History*, New York, NY (Jan. 2020).
- "A Tale of Two Trials: Lorenzo Dow, the Law, and the Courts," presented at the annual meeting of the *South Carolina Historical Association*, Aiken, SC (Mar. 2019).

- “*Lord of the Flies? Competing States within a South Carolina Group Home for Trouble Youth*,” presented at the annual meeting of the *South Carolina Political Science Association*, Greenville, SC (Feb. 2019).
- “Contested Memorial Days: Northern and Southern Methodist Remembrances of the Civil War,” presented at the annual meeting of the *PCA/ACA*, San Diego, CA (Apr. 2017).
- “A Crisis or a Blessing? Comparative Church Responses to *United States v. Windsor* (2013) and *Obergefell v. Hodges* (2016),” presented at the annual meeting of the *PCA/ACA*, Seattle, WA (Mar. 2016).
- “Golden Plates to Pirates: A History of Mormon Advertising,” presented at the annual *PCA/ACA*, New Orleans, LA (Apr. 2015).
- “To Learn the White People,’ Lorenzo Dow and Early American Methodist Attitudes towards Native Americans,” presented at the Spring Meeting of the *American Society of Church History*, Minneapolis, MN (Apr. 2015).
- “Cover Yourself: Conservative Christian Women’s Demands for Male Modesty,” presented at the annual *PCA/ACA*, Chicago, IL (Apr. 2014).
- “Methodist Ministers and Medicine: Bodies, Souls, and Politics,” presented at the *Manchester Wesley Seminar*, Manchester, England (Nov. 2013).
- “Methodism and the Mind: Religious Understandings of Mental Illness and Healing in the Atlantic World,” presented at the annual *PCA/ACA*, Washington, DC (Mar. 2013).
- “An Evangelical Public Relations Campaign: The Methodist Episcopal Church and Print Culture, 1792-1834,” presented at the annual meeting of the *American Society of Church History*, Boston, MA (Jan. 2011).
- “Methodist Ministers and Medicine: John Wesley to Lorenzo Dow,” presented at the annual conference of the *Society of Historians of the Early Republic*, Rochester, NY (Jul. 2010).
- “Lorenzo Dow, Methodism, and the Body,” presented at the annual meeting of the *American Society of Church History*, San Diego, CA (Jan. 2010).
- “Schisms and Responses: The Role of Dissent in the Rise of the Methodist Episcopal Church, a Comparative Approach,” presented at *Identity, Boundaries, and Movement in Religion Symposium*, Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL (Feb. 2009).
- “Nicholas Snethen and the Struggle for Lay Representation in the Methodist Episcopal Church,” presented at *The Changing Face of History Conference*, Orono, ME (Oct. 2008).
- “Papa or Patriarch: Reconsidering the Structure of Early Quaker Families,” presented at the annual *Conference of Quaker Historians and Archivists*, Newburg, Oregon (Jun. 2005).

“Writing for America: *The Christian Advocate* and Changes in 19th Century Methodism,” presented at the *Barnes Conference*, Philadelphia, PA (Mar. 2003).

Invited Presentations

“*Marbury v. Madison*: Understanding the Courts in a Constitutional Perspective,” the *Charleston Daughters of the American Revolution* Constitution Day Lecture (Sep. 2023).

“Methodism in Virginia,” presented at the *Virginia Historical Society*, Richmond, VA (Jul. 2008).

“Methodism in Kentucky,” presented at the *Filson Historical Society*, Louisville, KY (Feb. 2010).

Work for a Public Audience

“The End of Roe in Historical Perspective,” *CLIO and the Contemporary*, July 1, 2022, <https://clioandthecontemporary.com/2022/07/01/the-end-of-roe-in-historical-perspective/>

“How the Law Can Help You: Creating a Pre-Law Program in Your History Department,” *CLIO and the Contemporary*, June 13, 2022, <https://clioandthecontemporary.com/2022/06/13/creating-a-pre-law-program/>

“The End of Roe? A Historian Interprets the Alito Draft,” *CLIO and the Contemporary*, May 5, 2022, <https://clioandthecontemporary.com/2022/05/05/the-end-of-roe/>

“In-Person or Online Next Season?,” on the *Mock Review with Ben and Drew*, episode 53: <https://themockreview.castos.com/episodes/episode-53-in-person-or-online-next-season-board-meeting-preview>

“Crash Teaching Online”, March 17, 2020—advice for faculty who had not taught online prior to the COVID lockdown, distributed through the Online Pedagogy Group, <https://spinningcode.org/2020/03/crash-teaching-online/>

The Oldest Churches in the Aiken Area (produced for the 2018 South Carolina Humanities Festival)

Courses Taught

Graduate Courses

American Religious History

A Mixing of Worlds: Native American Life in the Pre and Post-Columbia Eras

Upper-Division Undergraduate Courses

American Women’s History, writing intensive

Colonial America

The Early Republic

History of Illness and Medicine in the United States

History through Film: The Cold War, writing intensive
Introduction to the Law
Mock Trial Competition
Poverty in America, writing intensive
Religion in America: A Historical Survey
Senior Capstone Seminar, writing intensive (in-person/synchronous online)
Topics in Religious History:

- Made in America, writing intensive
- Mormonism, writing intensive

U.S. Constitutional History, writing intensive

Survey Courses

History of the United States to 1865, writing intensive (in-person/asynchronous online)
History of the United States from 1865 to the present, writing intensive (in-person/asynchronous online)
Introduction to Abrahamic Faiths, writing intensive (hybrid/asynchronous online)
Western Civilization I
Western Civilization II
World History I
World History II

Honors Courses (inter-disciplinary)

Martin Luther King Day, Ramadan, and Christmas: An Interdisciplinary Exploration of America's Holidays
Patriots, Loyalists, and Revolution in New York City, 1775-1776

Undergraduate research mentored

Price, Thomas. "Exploring *Briggs v. Eliot* through the Joseph A. Delaine papers." Support for Minority Advancement in Research Training Grant, 2015, research conducted at the archives of the University of South Carolina.
Rice, Abigail. "Bryan Hall: A Case Study of Mental Health Treatment," presented at the 2019 Symposium for History Undergraduate Research at Mississippi State University (fully funded).
Whitesell, Jimi. "Churches of Aiken County." 2018 Recipient of the Rosamond Durban McDuffie Scholarship.

Senior Theses Supervised

Barnhill, Brett. "The Effects of Savannah River Site on South Carolina"
Benson, George. "Patrick Pearse and the Catholic Church in Ireland: Conflicts following the Easter Rising"
Ginas, Emily. "The Influence of Female Evangelical Preachers on Nancy Towle during the Second Great Awakening"
Horton, Robert. "Nationalist Activities and the Fall of the Hawaiian Kingdom"

Lapan, Zachary. "Colonialism, Propaganda, and its Effect on American and Filipino Relations in World War II"

Lewis, Anna. "George Galphin: The Accidental Patriot"

McNamee, Anna. "Changes in the Advertising of Patent Medicine"

Price, Thomas. "Robert McCormick Figg: A Segregationist Manifesto Efforts to Preserve South Carolina's Rights"

Quirk, Andy. "The Thatcher Years: The Defining Moment for National Identity in the United Kingdom"

Redd, Brandon. "William Gregg and the Graniteville Manufacturing Company: An Examination of the Fruition of Gregg's Written Philosophy on Labor"

Roach, Kevin. "The Corridor of Shame: The Fight for Schools"

Rosa-Cruza, Robert. "Bishop John England and His True Stance on Slavery"

Stewart, Jake. Jacob Young: Methodist Ministers Relationships and Masculinity"

Sykes, Julius N. "Strange Bedfellows: The Evolution of Official Positions on Same-Sex Marriage in Three American Protestant Churches"

Independent Studies

Adam in Literature and Creative Writing
A History of Non-Western Religions
Made in America: Religions Indigenous to North America
Studying History through Murders

Internships

Created a relationship with SRS Museum, leading to multiple internships
Redcliffe Plantation Internship, Beech Island, SC
Warriors House Internship, Aiken SC

Grants, Fellowships, and Honors

University of South Carolina Aiken Service Award	2023
USCA HAS Travel Grant (9)	2013-2024
High-Impact Learning Practices Grant (USCA) "Ellenton, 1950: Do We Stay or Do We Go"	2019
Val Lumens Teaching Award	2017
University of South Carolina System RISE Grant	2016
International Programs Choice Award (US Department of State)	2016
High-Impact Learning Practices Grant (USCA) "Developing and Analyzing Service Learning in <i>An Exploration of Poverty</i> " (co-awarded with Dr. D. Dillard-Wright)	2016
Association for Documentary Editing Summer Institute Grant (declined)	2012

Racial/Ethnic Methodist History Grant	2011
<i>General Commission on Archives and History of the United Methodist Church</i>	
Filson Society Fellowship	2009
<i>Filson Society, Louisville, KY</i>	
Mellon Research Fellowship	2008
<i>Virginia Historical Society, Richmond, VA</i>	
Provost Research Travel Grant	2008
<i>University of Delaware, Newark, DE</i>	
E. Lyman Stewart Fellowship	2001-2002
<i>University of Delaware, Newark, DE</i>	2004
E. Lyman Stewart Fellowship for Student Internship	2002
<i>Delaware State Archives, Dover, DE</i>	
Emerson Grant for Faculty-Student Collaborative Research	2000
<i>Hamilton College, Clinton, NY</i>	

Service to the University

University Taskforces and Ad Hoc Committees

Global Cultures Learning Objectives sub-committee, chair	2024
Strategic Planning Committee	2022-2023
Alumni House Chancellor's Task Force	2020-2021
Pickens-Salley House Chancellor's Task Force	2018-2020
COVID Academics and Research Taskforce	2020
Annual Faculty Evaluation Review Committee	2016-2018
Scholarship Sub-comm.	2017
College of Arts, Humanities & Social Sciences Sub-comm., chair	2016

Faculty Assembly Committees

Courses and Curricula Committee	
Chair	2014-2016
Member	2013-2014, 2023-2026
Judicial Advisors Pool	2020-2022
Faculty Welfare Committee	
Chair	2019-2020
Member	2017-2019
Academic Services Committee	2013-2016

Department

Constitution Week Organizing Committee	
Chair	2020-present
Member	2017-present

Department Assessment Committee Chair	2017-present
Senior Capstone Coordinator	2012-present
Palmetto Connections Conference	
Co-organizer	2016-2017
Panel Chair	2013, 2016
Department Newsletter co-editor	2016-2017
History Department Curriculum Revision Committee	2012-2013

Search Committees

Administrative:

Dean of the Arts, Humanities, and Social Science	2022-2023
Dean of the Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences	2014-2015

Faculty:

Assistant Professor of Political Science/Cyber-Security	2023-2024
Instructor of Philosophy, chair	2022-2023
20 th Century US Assistant History Professor, chair	2019-2020
Southern History Assistant Professor, co-chair	2018-2019
Political Theory Assistant Professor	2017-2018
Early American Literature Assistant Professor	2014-2015
American National Government Assistant Professor	2015-2016
20 th Century US Assistant History Professor	2012-2013

Staff:

Professional Advisor search, arts, humanities, and social sciences	2022
Professional Advisor search, STEM	2022
Administrative Assistant search (3 committees, 2 hires)	2020-2021

Teaching Event Leadership (faculty development events)

CTE Workshop: Murder on an Island: Game Based Learning in the Classroom	
Co-led with Dr. Matthew Thornburg	2023
Critical Inquiry Summer Institute (invited)	
Civil Discourse in the Classroom and with Colleagues	2019
(co-presented with Dr. Devi Dillard-Wright)	
The Constitution and Immigration	2018
(co-presented with Dr. Meaghan Dwyer-Ryan)	
High Impact Learning Practices Workshop (invited)	2017
Reacting to the Past: Using Games to Engage Students	
Writing Intensive Workshop (invited)	
Scaffolding Assignments (co-presented with Dr. Drew Geyer)	2016

Teaching Event Leadership (student events)General Inter-Curricular Enrichment Events: 2013-present

Studying the Law at USCA
 Love, Privacy, and the Family (COVID lockdown online lecture)
 (Constitution Week lecture)
 DACA Forum (faculty facilitator)
Glory (film discussion)
The Atomic Café (film discussion)
Dr. Strangelove (film discussion)

Constitution Week: 2017-present

What's Up With the Supreme Court?
 The Constitution, the Law, the Courts, and Religion in American History
 Alcohol, History, and the Law
 Marijuana and Due Process (invited by the chancellor)

Women's History Month Events: (invited) 2015-present

Remembering *Roe v. Wade* with the USCA Black Student Union
 Women's Accomplishments Event
 Women as Religious Leaders

Critical Inquiry Lectures: (invited) 2015-2020

Immigration Laws, Presidents, and the Courts
 Native Americans and the Constitution
 The Constitution and Capital Punishment
 Poverty in America

Service to Student Organizations

Mock Trial co-coach 2020-present
 Philosophy/Religious Studies Club, organizing faculty advisor 2022-2023
 USCA International Student Host 2016-2019

Mentoring Positions

USCA Faculty Mentor: Service
 USCA QCDC Network Mentor

Service to the Profession

Manuscript Reviewer
Maryland Historical Magazine
Virginia Magazine of History and Biography
 SCHA Annual Conference, panel chair (5 panels) 2018-2022
 PCA/ACA Annual Conference, panel chair (5 panels) 2015-2017
 USC RISE Grant reviewer 2017

American Society for Church History	
Program Policy Committee	2013-2017
Newsletter Co-editor	2009-2012
Drafter of ASCH's first panel diversity policy	2013
English Language Institute, periodic guest lecturer	2009-2012

Board Service

<i>Savannah River Site Heritage Foundation Board of Directors</i>	2022-present
Member	
<i>Cumbee Center to Assist Abused Persons Board of Directors</i>	
Vice Chair	2021-2023
Member	2020-2023
Internal Organization (human resources) committee chair	2021-2023
<i>South Carolina Historical Association Board</i>	
Past President	2021-2022
President	2020-2021
Vice-President	2019-2020
Member	2017-2018
Annual Conference Local Coordinator	2019, 2020
<i>The Virginia Magazine of History and Biography</i>	
Editorial Board Member	2017-2020
William M.E. Rachal Award Selection Committee	2018
<i>Blood Bank of Delmarva, Young Professionals Advisory Board</i>	2010-2012

Service to the Community

Center for Life-Long Learning instructor 2013-present

Man's Fastest Friend: A History of Greyhounds and Humans
 Mormonism: A People, A Faith, A History (invited)
 The Supreme Court: 1787, 1803, and 2022 (invited)
 Public Health and the Law (invited)
 South Carolina and the Supreme Court (invited)
 Supreme Court Cases that shaped a Nation
 Understanding the Judeo-Christian-Islamic Faiths
 History of Childhood in America
 December Holidays (co-taught with Dr. Meaghan Dwyer-Ryan)
 American Women's History (invited)
 History of Immunology
 American Religions

Other Service to the Community

Ohio State High School Mock Trial Association	2022
State Competition Judge	
Course Development Committee member (invited)	
Remembering Ruth Bader Ginsburg's Constitutional Career (invited)	2020

Volunteer Guardian <i>ad Litem</i> for abused and neglected children	2015-2021
St. Mary's Social Studies Day Judge	2012-2018
2018 South Carolina Humanities Festival Organizing Committee Member (invited)	2016-2018
Organizer and researcher for the Historic Houses of Worship Tour	
Aiken County Public School District Academic Tournament Judge	2016
Choices Program, presenter	2015
Mormonism, Mead Hall guest lecturer (invited)	2014

Other Professional Activities

Advanced Placement US History Exam Reader	2007-2018
Question Author	2010-2013
Assistant Editor for the <i>Charles Carroll of Carrollton Papers</i>	2012
Volunteer Consulting Georgia Power	2023
Attain Partners	2022
American Friends Service Committee	2012
Part-Time Assistant, University of Delaware Special Collections	2003-2006

Certifications

Fostering Proactive Learning	2024
Quality Course Design Certification	2023
USCA Masters Teachers Series	2023
USCA Strategic Leadership Program	2023
Mental Health and Well-Being Competency	2021
IRB Training	2016
Associate Project Management Professional Certification	in progress