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**EDUCATION**

The University of Toledo**,** Toledo, Ohio

Ph.D., U.S. History, expected May 2011

Dissertation: *Inherently Undesirable: American Identity and the Role of Negative*

*Eugenics in the Education of Visually Impaired and Blind Students in Ohio, 1870-1930*

Advisor: Dr. Diane F. Britton

Major Field: Late Nineteenth/ Early Twentieth Century United States History

Minor Field: British Legal History

Specialties**:** United States Disability History and Legal History

The University of Toledo College of Law**,** Toledo, Ohio

Juris Doctor, magna cum laude, May 2006

The University of Northern Colorado**,** Greeley, Colorado

Bachelor of Arts Degree, History, December 2001

Advisor: Dr. Janet Worrall

Minors: Political Science and Legal Studies

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

Instructor, Department of History, The University of Toledo, August 2007-December 2010

History 1010, Europe to 1600 (Spring 2011)

History 2010, America to 1865 (Fall 2007, Spring 2008, and Fall 2010)

History 2020, America from 1865 (Fall 2009 and Spring 2010)

History 1060, World History from 1500 (Fall 2008 and Spring 2009)

As an instructor:

* Designed, prepared, and taught courses in American and World history
* Taught classes ranging from 35 to 50 students
* Created syllabi, lectures, review sessions, primary source assignments, study guides, quizzes, and examinations
* Utilized multimedia sources to create and deliver PowerPoint presentations
* Facilitated class discussions
* Evaluated student performance, including primary source assignments, essays, quizzes, and examinations
* Created and maintained Blackboard site

Graduate Assistant, Department of History, The University of Toledo, 2006-2007

History 2190, Britain and Ireland (Dr. Peter Linebaugh)

History 4170, The British Empire: Pro/Con (Dr. Peter Linebaugh)

History 6930, Atlantic Revolution, 1776-1815 (Dr. Peter Linebaugh)

As a graduate assistant:

* Conducted American and British legal research
* Assisted in preparation, research, note-taking, review sessions, and grading for courses in British and Atlantic History

**TEACHING INTERESTS**

Gilded Age and Progressive Era

Disability History

The History of American Identity

American Legal History

British Legal History

Atlantic History

Labor History

American History – general

**ACADEMIC AWARDS AND HONORS**

* Graduate Tuition Assistantship and Stipend, Department of History, University of Toledo, 2006-2010
* Order of the Coif, The University of Toledo College of Law, 2006
* Class Rank: 2/112, The University of Toledo College of Law, 2006
* Dean’s List, The University of Toledo College of Law, Fall 2002, Spring 2003, Fall 2003, Summer 2004, Spring 2005, and Fall 2005
* Highest Ranking Student, The University of Toledo College of Law

-Family Law, Spring 2006

-Labor Law, Spring 2006

-Employment Law, Fall 2005

-Administrative Law, Fall 2004

-Trusts and Estates, Summer 2004

-Employment Discrimination, Fall 2003

-Evidence, Summer 2003

* Ohio State Bar Association, Labor and Employment Law Section, Law Student Achievement Award, Spring 2006
* The American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers Scholarship Award, Spring 2006
* Nominated for the Scribes Award, National Conference of Law Reviews, The University of Toledo College of Law, 2005
* Full Academic Scholarship, The University of Toledo College of Law, 2005-2006
* William J. McDaniels Scholarship, The University of Toledo College of Law, 2004-2005
* Clarence J. Applegate Memorial Scholarship, The University of Toledo College of Law, 2003-2004
* Colorado Undergraduate Merit Scholarship, The University of Northern Colorado, 2001
* Dean’s List, The University of Northern Colorado, 2001
* President, Law Club, The University of Northern Colorado, 2000

**BAR ADMISSION**

Admitted to the Ohio Bar, November 2006

**PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

Floyd, Barbara, Kimberly Brownlee, Jennifer Free, and Tamara Jones. *From Institutions to Independence: A History of People with Disabilities in Northwest Ohio.* Toledo, Ohio: University of Toledo Press, 2010 (forthcoming)

Colloquium, “Disability History: Equal Educational Opportunities and the Visually Impaired Student Under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act,” September 2007

*Equal Educational Opportunities and the Visually Impaired Student Under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act,* 37 U. TOL. L. REV. 203 (2005)

**RESEARCH AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

Reader, Advanced Placement, United States History, Louisville, KY, June 2010

* Graded Advanced Placement essays in United States history

Intern**,** Ward M. Canaday Center, University of Toledo, Toledo, Ohio, Summer 2008

* Wrote a book chapter detailing the history of blind and deaf individuals in Northwest Ohio
* Designed a chronology of disability-oriented federal legislation and court cases

Research Assistant**,** Ward M. Canaday Center, University of Toledo, Toledo, Ohio, Summer 2007

* Assisted in the design and production of an exhibit highlighting notable collections in the University archives

Research Assistant**,** Professor Joseph Slater, University of Toledo College of Law, Toledo, Ohio, 2005-2006

* Conducted and organized research relating to employment law and labor union law

**DEPARTMENTAL ACTIVITIES**

Judge, District I History Day, 2007-2010

Member**,** Search Committee in American History, 2009

Vice President, Phi Alpha Theta, 2007-2008

**PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

Assistant Executive Editor, The University of Toledo Law Review, 2005-2006

Associate Member, The University of Toledo Law Review, 2004-2005

**PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

Society for Historians of the Gilded Age and Progressive Era

Phi Alpha Theta

Phi Kappa Phi

**RESEARCH LANGUAGES**

Latin (Reading: fair)