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## **EDUCATION**

## Ph.D. Candidate, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, 1997-Present

Primary Field: Colonial-Revolutionary America

Fields: 19th Century America, 20th Century America, England and Great Britain from 1066 Dissertation: *The Madisonian Constitutionalism of Irving Brant* (Anticipate Comp. 5/2002)

#### M.A., University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, December 1997

Primary field: Colonial and Revolutionary America

Thesis: James Kirke Paulding and the Dilemma of Republican Nationalism

## B.A., Belmont University, Nashville, Tennessee 1995

Major: History Minor: Philosophy

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

## Assistant Professor, Norfolk State University. Norfolk Virginia, 2001

- HIST 101: World Civilization II
- HIST 102: History of the American Republic, 1492-1877
- HIST 103: History of the American People 1877-Present
- HIST 345: Colonial American History

#### Master Lecturer, University of Arkansas. Fayetteville, Arkansas, 1997-present

- HIST 2003: History of the American Republic, 1492-1877
- HIST 2013: History of the American People 1877-Present
- WCIV 1013: Western Civilization II

#### Graduate Assistant, University of Arkansas. Fayetteville, Arkansas, 1995-1997

Assisted professors in teaching, grading, tutoring, and administering various History courses. For one year, I worked as Dr. Elliott West's research assistant on his book *Contested Plains: Indians, Goldseekers, and the Rush to Colorado* (University of Kansas Press, 1998).

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

## Web Master, Humanities Department, University of Arkansas, 2000-2001

For the past two years, I have been in charge of web-page creation and maintenance for Fulbright College's Humanities Department: http://cavern.uark.edu/depts/h2p/index.html. This project was funded by a University Baum Teaching Grant and has included web design, posting class notes, lecture topics, and email lists.

#### Web Development, University of Arkansas, Favetteville, Arkansas, 1997-present

For the past three years, I have been developing web-pages for my courses with class notes, primary and secondary readings, and online quizzes: http://comp.uark.edu/~jllittl

#### Editorial Assistant, The Arkansas Historical Quarterly, 1995 - 1996

For the 1995-96 school year, I was editorial assistant for the *Arkansas Historical Quarterly*, which entailed proof-reading articles, giving editorial commentary on them, and formatting parts of the publication.

#### RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

#### Ph.D. Dissertation -- directed by Dr. David Chappell

Current research focuses on Irving Brant (1885-1976), an accomplished newspaper journalist most well-known for his brilliant six volume biography of James Madison. In Brant's hands, the once pedantic protégé of Thomas Jefferson was transformed into an exhilarating, explosive intellect in his own right - crucial for any understanding of the American founding. Brant's biography established a version of Madisonian Constitutionalism that historians like Jack Rakove, Drew McCoy, Garry Wills, and Lance Banning have returned to again and again. My dissertation focuses on the relationship between Brant's vision of early American history and his own work for land conservation, civil rights, and a sound foreign policy. Using the Brant papers at the Library of Congress, I explore Brant's conservationism as he worked under President Franklin Roosevelt and his Secretary of the Interior, Harold Ickes. I examine his testimony before congressional committees on Supreme Court reorganization, anti-poll tax legislation, and suffrage for the citizens of the South. Finally, I evaluate his view of American foreign policy under both Madison and Roosevelt. In sum, I argue that Brant's vision of Madison and the Constitution was shaped by his practical needs in the pivotal decades of the mid-twentieth century.

## **PUBLICATIONS**

"The Civil War," "The Korean War," "World War II – Military and Foreign Affairs," "World War II – Domestic Affairs," in *The Encyclopedia of American Political History*, edited by Paul Finkelman. Forthcoming from CQ Press Spring 2001.

"Democracy in the Age of the Great Society: The Lippmann-Dewey Debate" *The Ozark Historical Review* 29 (Spring 2000): 41-51.

"Academician to Radical Activist: Bertrand Russell, 1912-1916" *The Ozark Historical Review* 25 (Spring 1996): 1-19.

"Are There Ghosts in Our Machines?" *Proceedings of the Fifth Annual Belmont Undergraduate Research Symposium* Volume III (April 1995)

## **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

"Democracy in the Twenties: The Lippmann - Dewey Debate," presented March 1999 at the Missouri Valley History Conference

"The Madisonian Legacy: The Founder's Constitutional Thought as Propaganda in the Struggle Over Union" presented March 1999 at the Phi Alpha Theta, Arkansas Meeting

"James Kirke Paulding and the Dilemma of Republican Nationalism," presented March 1998 at the Missouri Valley History Conference

"The Constitutionalism of James Madison: A Historiographical Approach," presented March 1998 at the Southwestern Social Sciences Convention

"New Yorker Republicanism and the Western Lands" presented October 1997 at the Annual Meeting of the Arkansas Association of College History Teachers

"James Kirke Paulding: Republican Nationalist," presented March 1997 at the Southwestern Social Sciences Convention

"James Kirke Paulding and the South," presented April 1997 at the Phi Alpha Theta Regional Meeting

"Academician to Radical Activist: Bertrand Russell, 1912-1916," presented Phi Alpha Theta Southern Regional Meeting 1995

## **HONORS AND AWARDS**

- Elected President, Phi Alpha Theta, Alpha Chapter, 2000
- Awarded Ph.D. Graduate Assistantship, University of Arkansas, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000
- Elected Secretary, Phi Alpha Theta, Alpha Chapter, 1999
- University of Arkansas Graduate School and Fulbright College grants to present papers at the Missouri Valley History Conference; the Regional Phi Alpha Theta Conference; and the South-Western Social Sciences Convention.
- Awarded M.A. Graduate Assistantship, University of Arkansas, 1995, 1996
- Member, Phi Alpha Theta (National History Honorary)
- Member, Phi Sigma Tau (National Philosophy Honorary)
- Awarded 1st Prize, Stacy Awalt Award for "Are There Ghosts in Our Machines?" Department of Philosophy, Belmont University
- Academic Scholarship, Belmont University 1992-1995