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APPOINTMENT

Assistant professor, Dept. of History & Art History, George Mason University (2014–present).

EDUCATION

PhD history, Brandeis University (2014).

Dissertation: "The Varieties of American Conversion: The Origins of Religious Choice in the United States."

MA history, Brandeis University (2011).

BA & MA history, Bob Jones University (2006/2008).

BOOK

The Chance of Salvation: A History of Conversion in America (Harvard University Press, forthcoming fall 2017).

PEER-REVIEWED ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

"A Braided Narrative for Digital History," in *Debates in the Digital Humanities 2017*, ed. Matthew K. Gold and Lauren F. Klein (University of Minnesota Press, forthcoming 2017).

Cameron Blevins and Lincoln Mullen, "Jane, John ... Leslie? A Historical Method for Algorithmic Gender Prediction," *Digital Humanities Quarterly* 9, no. 3 (2015): http://www.digitalhumanities.org/dhq/vol/9/3/000223/000223.html

"The Contours of Conversion to Catholicism in the Nineteenth Century," *U.S. Catholic Historian* 32, no. 2 (2014): 1–27. DOI: 10.1353/cht.2014.0007

"Using Metadata and Maps to Teach the History of Religion," *Transformations: The Journal of Inclusive Scholarship and Pedagogy*, 24, no. 3 (2014): 34–40.

"Confessionalization and the Creedal Tradition," *The Proceedings of the South Carolina Historical Association* (March 2010): 79–90.

OTHER ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

Kellen Funk and Lincoln Mullen, "A Servile Copy: Text Reuse and Medium Data in American Civil Procedure," in *Forum: Die geisteswissenschaftliche Perspektive: Welche Forschungsergebnisse lassen Digital Humanities erwarten?* [*Forum: With the Eyes of a Humanities Scholar: What Results Can We Expect from Digital Humanities?*], 24 *Rechtsgeschichte* [*Legal History*] (2016): 341–43. DOI: 10.12946/rg24/341-343

"Lynching, Visualization, and Visibility," *Journal of Southern Religion* 17 (2015): http://jsreligion.org/issues/vol17/mullen.html

"Digital Humanities Is a Spectrum; or, We're All Digital Humanists Now," in Melissa Terras, Edward Vanhoutte, and Julianne Nyhan, eds., *Defining Digital Humanities: A Reader* (Ashgate, 2013).

"A Narrative of the Troubles in the Second Church in Windsor, 1735–1741," by Roger Wolcott, *Journal of Jonathan Edwards Studies* 2, no. 2 (2012): 83–142.

SELECTED DIGITAL PROJECTS

America's Public Bible: Biblical Quotations in U.S. Newspapers, website, code, and datasets (2016): `http://americaspublicbible.org`

Sheila Brennan (co-PI), Lincoln Mullen (co-PI), Rosemarie Zagarri, Jordan Bratt, and Ken Albers, *Mapping Early American Elections*, Roy Rosenzweig Center for History and New Media, George Mason University, 2016–2019.

ARTICLES UNDER REVIEW

Kellen Funk and Lincoln Mullen, "The Spine of American Law: Digital Text Analysis and U.S. Legal Practice." Journal article under peer review.

Ben Marwick, Carl Boettiger, and Lincoln Mullen, "Packaging Data Analytical Work Reproducibly using R (and Friends)." Journal article under peer review.

SELECTED ACADEMIC SOFTWARE

"tokenizers: A Consistent Interface to Tokenize Natural Language Text." R package. 2016–. `https://github.com/ropensci/tokenizers`

"textreuse: Detect Text Reuse and Document Similarity." R package. 2015–. `https://github.com/ropensci/textreuse`

"gender: Predict Gender from Names Using Historical Data." R package. 2014–. `https://github.com/ropensci/gender`

"internetarchive: An R client to the Internet Archive API." R package. 2015–. `https://github.com/ropensci/internetarchive`

"USAboundaries: Historical and Contemporary Boundaries of the United States of America." R package. 2015–. `https://github.com/ropensci/USAboundaries`

"historydata: Datasets for Historians." R package. 2014–. `https://github.com/ropensci/historydata`

GENERAL AUDIENCE PUBLICATIONS & INTERVIEWS

"Looking Back at Born Again," interview on *Interfaith Voices*, public radio, July 8, 2016. `http://interfaithradio.org/Story_Details/Looking_Back_at___Born_Again__`

"Just Another Sinner, Born Again," *The Atlantic*, June 29, 2016. `http://www.theatlantic.com/politics/archive/2016/06/trump-born-again/489269/`

"Catholics Who Aren't Catholic," *The Atlantic*, September 8, 2015. `http://www.theatlantic.com/politics/archive/2015/09/catholics-who-arent-catholic/404113/`

"These Maps Reveal How Slavery Expanded Across the United States," *Smithsonian.com*, May 15, 2014. http://www.smithsonianmag.com/history/maps-reveal-slavery-expanded-across-united-states-180951452/

Monthly contributor to the *Religion in American History* blog (2012–present). http://usreligion.blogspot.com/search/label/lincoln%27s%20posts

Former contributor to *ProfHacker*, a *Chronicle of Higher Education* blog (2010–2014).

REVIEWS

Review of *The Programming Historian*, 2nd ed., edited by Adam Crymble, et al., *Journal of American History* 103, no. 1 (2016): 299-301.

Review of *Guaranteed Pure: The Moody Bible Institute, Business, and the Making of Modern Evangelicalism*, by Timothy E. W. Gloege, *Religion in American History*, July 1, 2015.

Review of *One Nation Under God: How Corporate America Invented Christian America*, by Kevin M. Kruse, *Religion in American History*, April 1, 2015.

Review of *The Age of Atheists: How We Have Sought to Live Since the Death of God*, by Peter Watson, *Books and Culture*, August 2014.

Review of *By the Rivers of Water: A Nineteenth-century Atlantic Odyssey*, by Erskine Clarke, *Religion in American History*, December 1, 2013.

Review of *Teaching History in the Digital Age*, by T. Mills Kelly, *ProfHacker*, *Chronicle of Higher Education*, August 26, 2013.

Review of *Chosen People: The Rise of American Black Israelite Religions*, by Jacob S. Dorman, *Religion in American History*, May 1, 2013.

Review of *The Science of the Soul in Colonial New England*, by Sarah Rivett, *Religion in American History*, December 17, 2012.

Review of *A Theology of Religious Change: What the Social Science of Conversion Means for the Gospel*, by David J. Zehnder, *Journal of Markets and Morality* 15, no. 1 (2012): 249–250.

Review of *Evangelism and Resistance in the Black Atlantic, 1760–1835*, by Cedrick May, *Journal of Southern Religion*, 13 (2011).

Review of *The Gardiners of Massachusetts: Provincial Ambition and the British-American*, by T. A. Milford, *Historical Journal of Massachusetts* 39, nos. 1–2 (2011): 265–66.

Review of *Daily Lives of Civilians in Wartime Early America: From the Colonial Era to the Civil War*, edited by David S. Heidler and Jeanne T. Heidler, *Army History* 78 (2011): 44–45.

Review of *In the Beginning: Fundamentalism, the Scopes Trial, and the Making of the Antievolution Movement*, by Michael Lienesch, *The Southern Historian* 30 (2009): 103–5.

CONFERENCE PAPERS, INVITED TALKS, WORKSHOPS

Kellen Funk and Lincoln Mullen, "Text Reuse for Digital Legal History," invited talk and workshop, American Society for Legal History, Toronto, October 27, 2016.

Panel chair and organizer, "The Uses of Denominational History," Conference on Faith and History, Virginia Beach, Virginia, October 21, 2016.

"The Bible in the Newspaper," invited talk at the NEH National Digital Newspaper Program annual meeting, Washington, DC, September 14, 2016.

"Mapping Denominational Statistics in the Nineteenth Century," discussant for "Digital Humanities Roundtable: Mapping the Early Republic," annual meeting of the Society for Historians of the Early American Republic, New Haven, July 21–24, 2016.

Introduction to data analysis and visualization, spatial history and mapping, and text analysis, Doing Digital History NEH-ODH Summer Institute, George Mason University, Arlington, VA, July 14–18, 2014.

Lincoln Mullen and Kellen Funk, "Detecting Text Reuse in Nineteenth-century Legal Codes of Civil Procedure," presentation at the Digital Humanities Summer Institute Colloquium, University of Victoria, June 16, 2016.

Jason Heppler and Lincoln Mullen, "R, Interactive Graphics, and Data Visualization for the Humanities," workshop for the Digital Humanities Summer Institute, University of Victoria, Canada, June 13–17, 2016.

"Choosing the New Birth: The Protestant Development of the Sinner's Prayer in Early America," invited paper at the Virginia Colloquium in American Religion, University of Virginia, April 1, 2016.

"The Religion of Children and Families in the Nineteenth-century United States," paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Church History, Atlanta, January 10, 2016.

Presentations on "The Migration of the Field Code" and "Teaching Graduate Methods Courses with RStudio," Digital Research and Pedagogy Lightening Rounds, American Historical Association, January 2016.

"Data Visualization for Humanists," workshop at the University of Helsinki, Finland, December 16–18, 2015. `http://lincolnmullen.com/projects/helsinki-workshop/`

Introduction to spatial history and mapping," Getty Summer Institute on Digital Art History, George Mason University, Fairfax, VA, July 21, 2015.

Spatial humanities workshop, Concordia College, Moorhead, MN, June 1–5, 2015. `http://lincolnmullen.com/projects/spatial-workshop/`

"Converts and the Category of Irreligion in the Nineteenth-century United States," paper presented at the annual meeting of the Organization of American Historians, St. Louis, April 16–19, 2015.

"Mapping Boston's Religions: Next Steps in Mapping U.S. Religious History," for the panel "Mapping Religious Space: Four American Cities from the Colonial Era to the Twentieth Century" at the annual meeting of the American Society of Church History, New York, January 2–5, 2015. `http://lincolnmullen.com/projects/asch-2015/`

"Teaching Graduate Students to Code," poster for the annual meeting of the American Historical Association, New York, January 2–5, 2015. `http://lincolnmullen.com/blog/poster-teaching-graduate-students-to-code/`

Introduction to spatial history and mapping, Doing Digital History NEH-ODH Summer Institute, George Mason University, Arlington, VA, August 11, 2014.

"Data Analysis for Humanists," THATCamp American Historical Association, Washington, DC, January 5, 2014.

"Data Analysis for Humanists," THATCamp American Academy of Religion, Baltimore, November 22, 2013.

Erin Bartram and Lincoln Mullen, "How to Use a Database for Historical Research," THATCamp New England, University of Connecticut at Storrs, October 18, 2013.

"Returning to the Fold: Nineteenth-century Converts Who Returned to Their Original Faith," talk given at Kronstadt Moment/Road to Damascus, New School for Social Research, New York, April 26–27, 2013.

"The American Converts Database and the Monographic Dissertation," talk for the panel "Digital Methods and the Traditional Dissertation," given at Digital Humanities: The Next Generation, Simmons College, Boston, March 15, 2013.

"Catholic Converts in the Nineteenth-century Market of Souls," paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Catholic Historical Association, New Orleans, January 4, 2013.

"The Humanist's Operating System; or, Scholarship in Plain Text," THATCamp New England 2012, Brown University, October 20, 2012.

"Does the Soul Have a History?" paper presented at the biennial meeting of the Conference on Faith and History, Gordon College, October 5, 2012.

"Six Days Shalt Thou Labor': Work, Sabbath Observance, and Cultural Conversion in John Eliot's Mission to the Indians," paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Society for Church History, Chicago, January 7, 2012.

"The Vocabulary of Conversion: Text Mining the East Windsor Conversion Relations," paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Society for Church History, Boston, January 9, 2011.

GRANTS & AWARDS

First prize in the "Chronicling America Data Challenge," National Endowment for the Humanities, for *America's Public Bible*, awarded July 2016.

Sheila Brennan (co-PI), Lincoln Mullen (co-PI), Rosemarie Zagarri (lead historian), *Mapping Early American Elections*, Humanities Collections and Reference Resources grant, National Endowment for the Humanities, 2016–2019.

Mellon Dissertation Year Fellowship (2014–2015, declined).

Kate B. and Hall J. Peterson Fellowship, American Antiquarian Society (2013).

University Prize Instructorship, Brandeis University (2013).

Ruth B. Fein Prize, American Jewish Historical Society (2012).

Mellon Dissertation Research Grant, Brandeis University (2012).

Grant to attend "Congregations and Social Change" seminar, Calvin College (2011).

Irving and Rose Crown Fellowship, Brandeis University (2009–2014).

TEACHING

George Mason University:

- History of Christianity (spring 2017)
- Text Analysis for Historians (fall 2016)
- Data and Visualization in Digital History (spring 2016, spring 2017)
- Religion and Capitalism in the US (spring 2015)
- The Digital Past (spring 2015, spring 2017)
- Programming in History/New Media (fall 2014)
- Church and State in America (fall 2014)

Brandeis University:

- Mapping Boston's Religions: A Digital History Seminar (spring 2014)
- Religious Pluralism and the American State (fall 2012)

service to the profession

Referee for these journals, publishers, grant agencies, and academic software repositories: Chapman and Hall, *Debates in the Digital Humanities*, *Digital Humanities Quarterly*, *IJHAC: A Journal of Digital Humanities*, *Journal of Mormon History*, *Law and History Review*, National Endowment for the Humanities, rOpenSci, *R Journal*, Stanford University Press.

Project advisor for Edward Baptist et al, *Freedom on the Move*, Cornell University, 2014–.

Co-organizer, THATCamp American Historical Association 2016, Georgia State University, January 6, 2016.

Web editor, *Journal of Southern Religion* (2011–2015).

Co-organizer, THATCamp New England 2012, held at Brown University, October 19–20, 2012.

Lead organizer, THATCamp New England 2011, held at Brandeis University, October 21–22, 2011.

Co-organizer, THATCamp New England 2010, held at Wentworth Institute of Technology, November 13–14, 2010.

service to the university

Communication and Alumni Relations Committee, George Mason University (2015–).

PhD Admissions Committee, George Mason University (2014–2015).

Co-convener, Religion Working Group, Brandeis University (2012–2013).

Teaching with Technology Committee, Brandeis University (2010–2012).

languages & digital humanities skills

Advanced reading knowledge of ancient (Koine) Greek.

Data analysis: R (programming language), D3.js (visualizations), QGIS (mapping).

Programming languages: primarily R, also JavaScript, shell scripting, Python, Ruby, PHP.

professional memberships

- American Historical Association
- American Society of Church History
- Conference on Faith and History