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Education:

July 1999: PhD in History, University of Missouri-Columbia. Doctoral dissertation: "Gender, Race, Class, and the Politics of Reform in the New South: Women and Education in Georgia, 1890-1930."

May 1994: MA in History, University of Missouri-Columbia. Master's thesis: "Gender and Agricultural Reform in Missouri: Cooper County and the State, 1880-1915."

May 1991: BA in History and English, Texas State University. Honors thesis: "American Workers, the New Labor History, and the Industrial Revolution."

Professional Experience:

Fall 2005-Present: Assistant Professor of History in Gilded Age and Progressive Era U.S., Texas State University-San Marcos, San Marcos, Texas.

Fall 2004-Summer 2005: Assistant Professor of History, Women and Social History, Mississippi State University, Mississippi State, Mississippi.

Fall 2001-Spring 2004: Assistant Professor of History in American History, Georgia Perimeter College, Dunwoody, Georgia.

Fall 1999-Spring 2001: Visiting Lecturer in U. S. and World History, Georgia State University, Atlanta, Georgia.

1998-1999: Adjunct faculty in U. S. and World History, Clayton College and State University, Morrow, Georgia, and Gainesville College, Gainesville, Georgia.

1992-1996: Teaching Assistant in the History Department and Women's Studies Department at the University of Missouri-Columbia for American History survey courses, Twentieth-Century America, Missouri History, and the Social History of American Women.

1992-1993: Participant in the Cooper County Women's History Project, a public history project sponsored by the Boonville, Missouri, chapter of the AAUW and funded by a $5,000 Missouri Humanities Council grant.

Professional Organizations:

Organization of American Historians
Rural Women's Studies Association
Southern Association of Women Historians
Southern Historical Association

Selected Presentations:

March 2008: "Dealing with Racial Radicalism: Celeste Parrish and the Promotion of Black Education in the South," Annual Meeting of the Organization of American Historians, New York, New York.

October 2007: Comment, "Nineteenth-Century Women's Lives through Their Diaries and Letters," Triennial Conference of the Rural Women's Studies Association, Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

June 2006: "Teaching to Survive: Women, Families, and Class Status after the Civil War," Seventh Southern Conference on Women's History, University of Maryland-Baltimore Co.

January 2006: "Conceptualizing Reform: The Appeal of Pragmatist Feminism in the New South," annual meeting of the American Historical Association, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

November 2003: "Education and Female Political Culture in Progressive-Era Georgia," annual meeting of the Southern Historical Association, Houston, Texas.

June 2003: comment, "Missionary Work and the Construction of Gender" panel, Sixth Southern Conference on Women's History, University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia.

April 2003: "Sexuality, Race, and the Limitations of Female Progressivism in Georgia," Organization of American Historians Conference, Memphis, Tennessee.

June 2002: "Race and Compulsory Heterosexuality in the South," Twelfth Berkshire Conference on the History of Women, University of Connecticut at Storrs.

April 2002: "Changing the Face of the Farmer: Gender and the Professionalization of Agriculture," Forty-Fourth Annual Missouri Conference on History, Kansas City.

April 2002: "Challenging the Place of Women: An Educational Controversy in Georgia," Georgia Association of Historians Thirtieth Annual Meeting, Jekyll Island.

October 1998: "Southern Gender Reform and the Role of Women's Education: Celeste Parrish and the Critique of 'Hedonistic Ethics,'" History of Education Society conference, Chicago, Illinois.

September 1997: "Gender, Race, and Rural Reform: A Comparison of Black and White Women's Home Extension Services in Georgia, 1910-1930," Sixth National Conference on American Rural and Farm Women in Historical Perspective, Baylor University, Waco, Texas.

June 1997: "Lost Cause Mythology in New South Reform: Gender, Race, Class, and the Politics of Patriotic Citizenship in Postbellum Georgia," Fourth Southern Conference on Women's History, College of Charleston, Charleston, South Carolina.

Honors and Awards:

Liberal Arts Nominee for Presidential Award of Excellence in Scholarship, 2008
Research Enhancement Grant, Texas State University, summer 2006
Mellon Research Fellowship, Virginia Historical Society, summer 2004 and 2005.
Jacqueline Dowd Hall Prize, Southern Association of Women Historians, 1997.
Frank F. and Louise I. Stephens Dissertation Fellowship, 1996.
Mamie E. Smith Presidential Scholarship, 1988-1989 and 1989-1990.

Publications:

"Celeste Parrish and the Democratic Promise of Progressive Education," book manuscript in progress.

The Politics of Education in the New South: Women and Reform in Georgia, 1890-1930, 2006, Louisiana State University Press.

"'We are Practicable, Sensible Women': The Missouri Women Farmers' Club and the Professionalization of Agriculture, 1900-1915," in *Women in Missouri History: In Search of Power and Influence*, eds. Mary Neth and LeeAnn Whites, 2004, University of Missouri Press.

"Lost Cause Mythology in New South Reform: Gender, Race, Class, and the Politics of Patriotic Citizenship in Georgia, 1890-1925," in *Dealing With the Powers That Be: Negotiating the Boundaries of Southern Womanhood*, ed. Janet Coryell, et al, 2000, University of Missouri Press.

Book Reviews for *American Historical Quarterly, Atlanta History, Florida Historical Quarterly*, H-SAWH, *Journal of American History, Journal of Mississippi History, Journal of Southern History, Ohio History,* and *Southwestern Historical Quarterly*.