Dr. Jennifer Lynn Gross

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Current Employment

Professor of History, Jacksonville State University, Jacksonville, Alabama, 2013-present.

Course Offerings: American History to 1865, American History from 1865 (I have taught the general survey as well as honors sections and online sections), The South to 1860 (undergraduate and graduate level), The American Civil War and Reconstruction (undergraduate level and separate graduate seminar), The Civil War in Film (undergraduate and graduate level) American Reconstruction (graduate seminar), Introduction to Sub-Saharan Africa (undergraduate and graduate level), History of American Women (undergraduate and graduate level), Contemporary American Women (graduate seminar), Readings in American Women's History (graduate seminar).

Named Phi Alpha Theta "Professor of the Year," Jacksonville State University, 2005-2006.

Dissertation

"Good Angels': Confederate Widowhood in the Reassurance of Patriarchy in the Postbellum South" Committee: Professors Emory M. Thomas (Chair), Jean E. Friedman, John C. Inscoe, Bryant Simon, Barbara McCaskill

Current Research/Writing Projects

I am finishing my final manuscript revisions for a book tentatively entitled, *Rising from the Ashes: Confederate widows and the Post-Civil War South*. This manuscript is under contract with Louisiana State University Press.

I am conducting research for my second book project, a biography of Mary Anna Jackson, the widow of General Stonewall Jackson and for some Southerners, "the Widow of the Confederacy." Louisiana State University Press has expressed an interest in publishing it as part of their Southern Biography series.

Education

Ph.D. in History, The University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia, December 2001. Graduate Certificate in Women's Studies, The University of Georgia, June 1998. M.A. in History, The University of Richmond, Richmond, Virginia, May 1995. B.A. in History, The University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, North Carolina, May 1993

Publications

- "Anniston's Place in Civil Rights History and Memory," *Anniston Star* (Friday, 14 May 2021, Special Section).
- "Augusta Jane Evans: Alabama's Confederate Macaria," in *The Yellowhammer War: The Civil War and Reconstruction in Alabama*, Kenneth Noe, ed., (Tuscaloosa: The University of Alabama Press, 2013).
- Co-authored an American history textbook, *Understanding American History*, Volumes I and II, BVT Publishing, 2011. (This was a custom publication in which I re-ordered material within the text and added substantially to the already existing text including several new chapters. The original authors were Carl Degler, Vincent De Santis, and Clarence Ver Steeg. I use both volumes of this textbook in my online American History survey classes.)
- Co-authored with John Walker Davis, "Calhoun County, Alabama: Iron Furnaces and Burning Buses," in *Dixie Passages: Tourism and Southern History*, Karen L. Cox, ed., (Gainesville: University of Florida Press, 2012).
- "And for the Widows': Georgia's Aid to Confederate Widows," *Breaking the Heartland: The Civil War in Georgia*, John D. Fowler and David Parker, eds., (Macon, Georgia: Mercer University Press, 2011).
- "Lincoln and His Ideals Dead and Unfortunately Gone," editorial piece for the Anniston *Star*, 4 May 2008.
- "The United Daughters of the Confederacy, Confederate Widows, and the Lost Cause: 'We Must Not Forget or Neglect the Widows'" *Women on Their Own: Interdisciplinary Approaches* (Piscataway, NJ: Rutgers University Press, 2007).
- "Augusta Jane Evans Wilson," in *The Encyclopedia of Women and the American Civil War*, edited by Lisa Tendrich Frank (ABC-CLIO, 2007).
- "Confederate Widows' Pensions," in *The Encyclopedia of Women and the American Civil War*, edited by Lisa Tendrich Frank (ABC-CLIO, 2007).
- "Civil War Literature," in *The Encyclopedia of Women and the American Civil War*, edited by Lisa Tendrich Frank (ABC-CLIO, 2007).
- "Confederate Widows," in *The Encyclopedia of Women and the American Civil War*, edited by Lisa Tendrich Frank (ABC-CLIO).
- "And for the Widow and Orphan': Confederate Widows, Poverty, and Public Assistance," *Inside the Confederate Nation: Essays in Honor of Emory M. Thomas*, edited by Leslie J. Gordon and John C. Inscoe (Baton Rouge: Louisiana

- State University Press, 2005).
- Civil War Crossword, (Athens, Ga.: Hill Street Press, 2004).
- "Lonely Lives are Not Necessarily Joyless': Augusta Jane Evans's *Macaria* and the Creation of a Place for Single Womanhood in the Postbellum South," *American Nineteenth-Century History* (a refereed publication), Spring, 2001.
- "Let us stress the educational clause of our constitution': Georgia's United Daughters of the Confederacy," Vol. 21, *Journal of the Georgia Association of Historians* (a refereed publication), 2000.
- "Good Angels': Confederate Widows in Virginia," *Southern Families at War*, edited by Catherine Clinton (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2000).
- Research Consultant, *The Lines are Drawn: Political Cartoons of the Civil War*, editor Kristen Smith (Athens, Ga.: Hill Street Press, 1999).
- "Pensions" in *The Encyclopedia of the American Civil War*, edited by David S. Heidler and Jeanne T. Heidler (ABC-CLIO, 2001).
- "The United Daughters of the Confederacy" in *The Encyclopedia of the American Civil War*, edited by David S. Heidler and Jeanne T. Heidler (ABC-CLIO, 2001).

Book Reviews

- Review of William Gregg's Civil War: The Battle to Shape the History of Guerilla Warfare by for the Journal of Southern History, February 2021.
- Review of Single, White, Slaveholding Women in the Nineteenth-Century American South By Marie Malloy for SAW-H (H-Net), accepted January 2021.
- Review of Women's War: Fighting and Surviving the American Civil War by Stephanie McCurry for the Journal of Southern History, February 2020.
- Review of *Alabama Women: Their Lives and Times* edited by Susan Youngblood Ashmore for *The Alabama Review*, April 2019.
- Review of *Maternal Bodies: Redefining Motherhood in Early America* by Nora Doyle for the *Civil War Book Review*, 2018.
- Review of *Bushwhackers: Guerrilla Warfare, Manhood, and the Household in Civil War Missouri* by Joseph M. Beilein Jr. for the *Journal of the Civil War Era*, September 2017.

- Review of My Old Confederate Home: A Respectable Place for Civil War Veterans by Rusty Williams for the Journal of Southern History, 2011.
- Review of Sam Richard's Civil War Diary: A Chronicle of the Atlanta Home Front, edited by Wendy Hamand Venet for the Journal of Southern History, 2009.
- Review of *Scarlett's Sisters: Young Women in the Old South* by Anya Jabour for The Kentucky Historical Register, 2008.
- Review of Confederate Daughters: Coming of Age During the Civil War by Victoria Ott for The Alabama Review, 2008.
- Review of *Lincoln and the Decision for War* by Russell McClintock for *Military History of the West*, 2008.
- Review of *Poet of the Lost Cause: A Life of Father Ryan* by Donald Robert Beagle and Bryan Albin Giemza for *The Journal of Southern History*, 2008.
- Review of *Southern Sons: Becoming Men in the New Nation* by Lorri Glover for H-NC, 2007.
- Review of War Crimes Against Southern Civilians by Walter Brian Cisco for Civil War Book Review, 2007.
- Review of *Upon the Altar of the Nation: A Moral History of the Civil War* by Harry S. Stout for the Anniston *Star*, 2006.
- Review of Masterful Women: Slaveholding Widows from the American Revolution Through the Civil War by Kristen E. Wood for The Kentucky Historical Register, 2005.
- Review of Sanctified Trial: The Diary of Eliza Rhea Anderson Fain, a Confederate Women in East Tennessee, by John N. Fain, ed. for The Alabama Review, 2005.
- Review of *Reconstructing Dixie: Race, Gender, and Nostalgia in the Imagined South*, by Tara McPherson, for H-South, 2004.
- Review of *Reading Southern History: Essays on Interpreters and Interpretations*, by Glenn Feldman, ed., for H-South, 2002.
- Review of *Before the New Deal: Social Welfare in the South, 1830-1930*, by Elna C. Green, ed. for *The Historian,* 1999.
- Review of A Virginia Yankee in the Civil War: The Diaries of David Hunter Strother, by David Hunter Strother, edited and with an introduction by Cecil D. Eby, Jr. for H-

Scholarly Conference Presentations

- "As long as she remains my widow': Confederate Widowhood and Nineteenth-Century Estate Laws" presented at the Eleventh Southern Conference on Women's History: Resistance, Power, and Accommodation: Women and Southern History, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, 7-10 June 2018.
- "Surviving, Writing, Memorializing, and Rewarding Confederate Widowhood," presented at the David Bruce Centre Colloquium, "The Civil War and Slavery," at Keele University, Staffordshire, England, sponsored by Keele University and The University of Liverpool, 30-31 October 2015. This presentation was by invitation.
- "Surviving Confederate Widowhood in the Post-Civil War South," presented at a symposium conducted by the North Carolina Department of Archives titled, "What a Cruel Thing is War: Sacrifice and Legacies of the Civil War," Wilmington, North Carolina, February 27-28, 2015.
- "Augusta Jane Evans: Alabama's Own Macaria," Symposium on *The Yellowhammer War*, held at Auburn University, Auburn, Alabama, September 13, 2014.
- "Auguta Jane Evans: Alabama's Confederate Macaria," Jack Friend Lecture and Symposium, held at the History Museum of Mobile, Mobile, Alabama, May 29, 2014.
- "Round Table Discussion of *The Yellowhammer War*," Alabama Historical Society, held in Scottsboro, Alabama, April 11, 2014.
- "Surviving Widowhood: The Confederate Widows' Guide to Life in the Post-Civil War South," Meeting of the Etowah Historical Society, Gadsden, AL, April 12, 2013.
- "Surviving Widowhood," Women Scholars Lunch and Learn, WISE, Stone Center, Jacksonville, Alabama, February 20, 2013.
- "Surviving Widowhood," Third Biennial Meeting of the Society of Civil War Historians, held in Lexington, Kentucky, June 2012.
- "Confederate Widows: Icons of the South," Annual Meeting of the Popular Culture Association/American Culture Association, held in San Antonio, Texas, April 2011.
- "Southerners, the Lost Cause & a 'Cult of Dead Generals' Widows'," Biennial British and American Nineteenth Century History Conference, held in Liverpool, England, October 2010.

- I chaired and provided comments for a session on the nineteenth-century South during the annual meeting of the Alabama Association of Historians, held in Jacksonville, Alabama, 19-20 February, 2010.
- ""Widows in Confederate Fiction: 'The Lives of The Men Would Be Changed Comparatively Little'" to be presented at the Society for the Study of American Women Writers Conference held in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 21-24 October 2009.
- "Confederate Widows in the Fiction of Thomas Nelson Page, Augusta Jane Evans, and Grace Elizabeth King" presented at the annual American Culture Association/Popular Culture Association meeting held in New Orleans, Louisiana, 8-11 April 2009.
- "Confederate Widows and the Creation of the Cult of Dead Generals" presented at the Biennial Meeting of the Society of Civil War Historians held in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 115-17 June 2008.
- "The Cult of Dead Generals and a Place for Confederate Widows in the Post-Civil War South" presented at the 6th Annual Biennial Race & Place in the American South Conference held at the University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, Alabama 10-12 April 2008.
- "Widows in Confederate Fiction: Augusta Jane Evans, Grace Elizabeth King, and Thomas Nelson Page" presented at the "Symposium on the 19th Century Press, the Civil War and Free Expression," Chattanooga, Tennessee, 8-10 November 2007.
 - My paper was awarded "Outstanding Paper of the Conference."
- "The United Daughters of the Confederacy, Confederate Widows, and the Lost Cause: 'We Must Not Forget or Neglect the Widows'" presented at the first annual conference on the Civil War, "Remembering the Civil War," at the University of Mississippi, Oxford, Mississippi, 26-28 May 2005.
- "Confederate Widows and the Gendering of the Civil War Era in American History: Incorporating Confederate Women into the Teaching of American History" presented at the regional meeting of the Organization of American Historians, 8-11 July 2004, in Atlanta Georgia.
- "Confederate Widows and the UDC" presented at international conference on widowhood 1-3 April 2004, at the Research Center for Historical Analysis at Rutgers University, New Jersey.
- Chair of Workshop, ASo You Want to Get that Article Published,@ at the Sixth Southern

- Conference on Women=s History conducted by the Southern Association of Women=s Historians, 5-7 June 2003 at The University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia.
- Chair and Commentator for two panels at the annual Phi Alpha Theta Conference held at Jacksonville State University, Jacksonville, Alabama, March 2003.
- Provided commentary, viewing of HBO documentary, *Unchained Memories*, Jacksonville State University, 10 February 2003.
- "Augusta Jane Evans, Grace King, and Thomas Nelson Page: Creating a Place for Single Womanhood in the Postbellum South," presented at the national meeting of the Popular Culture Association/American Culture Association, 11-14 April 2001 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
- "A Federal pension is worse than Confederate poverty': Confederate Pension Systems and the Re-establishment of Patriarchy," presented at the annual Southern Historical Association Conference, 8-11 November 2000 in Louisville, Kentucky.
- "Lonely Lives are Not Necessarily Joyless': Augusta Jane Evans's *Macaria* and the Creation of a Place for Single Womanhood in the Postbellum South," presented at the Fifth Southern Conference on Women=s History conducted by the Southern Association of Women=s Historians, 15-17 June 2000 at the University of Richmond, Richmond, Virginia.
- "Confederate Widowhood in Virginia" presented at the "Conference on Women and the Civil War," June 1999 at Shenandoah University in Winchester, Virginia.
- "Freedom Under the Banner of the 'Lost Cause': Georgia's United Daughters of the Confederacy" presented at the annual Georgia Association of Historians conference, 16-17 April 1999 in Savannah, Georgia.
- "Let us stress the educational clause of our constitution': Georgia's United Daughters of the Confederacy" presented at the "Georgia Women Meeting Challenges" conference, 26-27 March 1999 at Shorter College in Rome, Georgia.
- "Good Angels' or Dangerous Women: Confederate Widows in Virginia" presented at the "Families at War" conference 24-25 April 1998 at the University of Richmond in Richmond, Virginia.

Academic Consulting

Interviewed by Ally Morrison, for an article on the Freedom Rider's Monument in

Anniston.

- I served as a Historical Consultant for the Northeast Alabama Community Foundation's documentary film about Susie Parker Stringfellow of Anniston, Alabama. Upon her death, she donated her estate to create the Stringfellow Memorial Hospital. My work was both to provide historical context for the film while it was being written and to provide on-air commentary during the film itself. The film aired on Alabama Public Television in Fall 2020.
- Textbook Review of *American Women: A Concise History* by Susan Ware for Oxford University Press, July 2019. I previously reviewed her textbook proposal for this same book in Spring 2019.
- Interviewed by Eddie Burkhalter of the *Anniston Star/Jacksonville News/Piedmont Journal* for a two-part series titled, "Historians Question Lessons Given at Janney Furnace," *Piedmont Journal*, Wednesday, 20 April 2016 and 27 April 2016.
- Manuscript Review of "A Noble Class of Old Maids': surrogate motherhood, sibling support and self-sufficiency in the nineteenth-century white, southern family" for *Journal of Family History*, January 2016.
- Textbook Review of *A People and a Nation*, Cengage Learning, 2015. (Review completed January 2016.)
- Manuscript Review of K. Stephen Prince, *Radical Reconstruction: a Brief History with Documents*, Bedford/St. Martin's, 2014.
- Participation in Survey on Civil War Course structure and materials for Bedford/St. Martin Press, 2013.
- Manuscript Review of an untitled Southern History textbook for McGraw Hill, 2012.
- Manuscript Review of Eric Foner, *Give Me Liberty! An American History*, 3rd ed., for W.W. Norton, 2009.
- Review of proposal for *Making a Nation*, for Longman Publishers, 2008.
- Member, Alabama's committee to commemorate Abraham Lincoln, 2008-2009.
- Consultant for proposed Civil War Memorial project in Wheeling, WV. The proposal was submitted to NEH Spring 2007. It falls under the "Interpreting America's Historic Places" category of grants.
- Consultant for the National Slavery Museum, Fredericksburg, VA, 2007.

- Website Contributor to Robert Divine, et. al., *America Past and Present*, 2006. (I prepared 15 question pre-tests and post-tests for chapters 1-33.) http://wps.ablongman.com/lonf_divine_app_7.
- Review of proposal for biographical reader, *Lives and Times*, for Longman Publishers, 2006.
- Internet source contributor for McGraw Hill The American Record (Fall 2004).
- Sole contributor to Longman Publishers internet study guide for Divine, *America: Past and Present* (Fall 2004). http://wps.ablongman.com/long divine app 7.
- Review of primary source reader for Longman Publishers, primary source reader to accompany textbook entitled, *This Terrible War*, 2004.
- Contributor to Longman Publishers American History website, 2004. http://www.ablongman.com/long_longman_lah_1.
- Studying America: Past and Present, Volumes I and II, Study Guide to the Seventh Edition (with John Walker Davis) New York: Addison-Wesley Education Publishers, 2004.
- Review of book proposal for Longman Publishers, primary source reader for family history entitled, *American Families, American History*, 2003.
- Website Contributor to Stefan Haag, et. al., *Texas Politics and Government: Ideas, Institutions, and Policies*, third ed., (New York: Longman, 2003). http://wps.ablongman.com/long haag tpg 3.
- Studying America: Past and Present, Volumes I and II, Study Guide to the Fifth Brief Edition (with John Walker Davis) New York: Addison-Wesley Education Publishers, 2002).
- Website Contributor to Robert A. Divine, et al., *America: Past and Present*, Volume I, (New York: Longman, 2002) Flexchoice Project. http://wps.ablongman.com/long_divine_app_7.
- Review of book proposal for Longman Publishers, Southern Peoples, Southern Pasts: A History of the American South, 2001.
- Editorial Assistant, Georgia Historical Quarterly, 1998-1999.
- Editor, The Southern Historian: A Journal of Southern History, 1998-2000.
- Editor, Townsend Family Papers, in the possession of Dana Dunbar King, Richmond,

Virginia, since 1994, publication anticipated.

Editor, Woodward Family Papers, in the possession of Dana Dunbar King, Richmond, Virginia, since 1994, publication anticipated.

Fellowships/Awards

School of Arts and Humanities Service Award, Spring 2020.

Faculty Professional Leave, Jacksonville State University, Spring, 2010.

Faculty Research Award, Jacksonville State University, 2007-2008.

- Selected as an Alabama Humanities Foundation Speaker, 2003-2004. Under the auspices of this position, I have delivered numerous talks to community groups throughout Alabama.
- Lecturer and Travel Guide for LASTING Program (federal grant funded program to encourage continuing education among primary and secondary history teachers in Calhoun County, Alabama), Jacksonville State University, 2002-2004. I gave lectures on Jacksonian America, Antebellum America, The American Civil War, Reconstruction, Culture and Society during the Progressive Era, and Culture and Society during the Great Depression.
- Technology grant (\$2,500) to create and implement an online version of "American History to 1865," Jacksonville State University, Summer 2001.
- Research and Writing Fellowship, University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia, 1999-2000. Women's Studies Research Grant, Special Collections Library, Duke University, Durham, North Carolina, 1999.
- Mellon Research Fellowship, Virginia Historical Society, Richmond, Virginia, 1999.
- Center for Humanities and Arts Research Grant, University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia, 1998.
- Research Scholarship, Colonial Dames, Georgia Division, 1998-1999.
- University-wide Research Fellowship, University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia, 1998-1999.
- Douglas Southall Freeman Scholarship, Department of History, University of Richmond, Richmond, Virginia, 1993-1994.
- Scholarship, North Carolina Vietnam Veteran's Association, 1991-1995 (four year limit).

Administrative Experience

- Committee Member, MAP Anniston (Main Street Art Project): I helped organized a PopUp Art Gallery, a mural project, and Chalk the Walk.
- Chair, Gender Studies Minor Committee. I chaired a five-person interdisciplinary committee Fall 2011 that created a Gender Studies Minor at Jacksonville State University. I continue to serve as advisor/administrator for the program.
- Chair of Public Relations, JSU chapter, Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society. In this capacity I managed the chapter's website and publicized our scholarships and other programs, 2011-2012.
- Member, Board of Directors, WISE (Women's Issues, Support, and Empowerment) non-profit community empowerment organization. Some examples of WISE projects include the annual presentation of the Vagina Monologues, a vegetable truck to increase access to fresh fruits and vegetables in lower income areas and help local organic farmers, and education/bystander prevention programs targeting domestic violence and rape. I have served on the board since 2009. In that capacity I serve on several standing and ad-hoc committees.

Teaching Experience prior to current employment

Associate Professor of History, Jacksonville State University, 2007-2013.

Assistant Professor of History, Jacksonville State University, 2001-2007.

Teaching Assistantship, University of Georgia, Department of Women=s Studies, 2000-2001.

Instructor of History, History Department, University of Georgia, Summer 2000.

Teaching Assistantship, University of Georgia, Department of History, 1995-1999.

Teaching Assistantship, University of Richmond, Department of History, 1993-1995.

Professional Service to the Department, School of Arts and Humanities, or University

Women's History Month, Committee Co-Chair, August 2020-March 2021.

Women's History Month, Committee Co-Chair, August 2019-March 2020.

Departmental Curriculum Committee, Committee Member, 2020-Present.

Spanish Instructor Search, Committee Chair, January 2021-March 2021.

Latin Americanist Search, Committee Chair, November 2018-April 2020.

Ad-Hoc Women's History Month Committee, February 2019-March 2019.

Faculty Affairs Committee, Committee Chair, August 2018-May 2019.

Women's Leadership House Mentor Program, Faculty Mentor, 2008-2009 and 2017-2018.

Committee to Establish Departmental Requirements for Admittance to Graduate Program, Committee Member 2014-2015.

Secondary Education Advisory Committee, Task Force Member, 2007-2009.

Member, University-wide Strategic Planning Committee, 2006.

Chair, Search Committee, Assistant Professor of Early American History, 2005.

Member, Institutional Review Board, 2003-2005.

Member, Search Committee, Assistant Professor of Populist/Progressive Era United States, 2004.

Co-Advisor for Tau Sigma Lambda service fraternity, 2001-2004.

Member, Search Committee, Instructor Position in American History, 2004.

Faculty Mentor, Orientation Program, 2002-2003.

Member, Faculty Council, 2002-2005.

Member, Search Committee, Assistant Professor of Ancient/Medieval History, 2001-2002.

Professional Service outside the University

Cobb Pre-K Academy, Workshop Organizer, January 2020-March 2020. I plan to resume this work next Fall. It was interrupted by the Covid pandemic/school shut-down.

Member of the Membership Committee, Southern Historical Association, 2008-2009, 2011-2012, 2015-2016.

Member, 2008 Steering Committee, Symposium on the Civil War and the Press, to be held 8-11 November 2008, Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Member of Judging Committee for best graduate and undergraduate papers, annual Phi Alpha Theta Conference held at Jacksonville State University, Jacksonville, Alabama, March 2003.

Member of Ad Hoc "Committee to Create a Mentoring Program" for SAWH, 2003. In this capacity I participated in the development of a mentoring program for the SAWH. Our work included the creation of questionnaires for potential mentors and mentorees as well as the development of a matching/selection process for the organization.

Representative to the Committee on Graduate Students, Southern Association of Women's Historians, 2001-2004.

Reading Tutor, Athens Tutorial Service, Athens, Georgia, 2000.

Graduate Representative to the Southern Association of Women's Historians, 1999-2001.

Speaker Coordinator, History Graduate Student Association, 1997-1999.

Representative from the History Department to the Women's History Month Committee, University of Georgia, 1997-1999.

Graduate Representative, Spalding Chair Search Committee, History Department, 1996-1997.

Professional Memberships

Society of Civil War Historians, since 2009.

Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society, since 2008.

Organization of American Historians, since 2000.

American Historical Association, since 1998.

Southern Historical Association, since 1994.

Southern Women's Historical Association, since 1995.

Phi Alpha Theta History Honor Society, since 1993.