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## **Employment**

University of Nebraska-Lincoln, 2005-present  
John and Catherine Angle Chair in the Humanities and Professor of History

University of Virginia, 1996-2005  
Director, Virginia Center for Digital History, 1998-2005  
Associate Professor, Corcoran Department of History, 2004-2005  
Assistant Professor, Corcoran Department of History, 2001-2004  
Research Assistant Professor, 1997-2001  
Project Manager, Institute for Advanced Technology in the Humanities, 1996-97

## **Education**

Ph.D.--University of Virginia, History, 1995  
M.A.--University of Virginia, History, 1991  
B.A.--Trinity College (Connecticut), History, 1986 with honors in History

## **Selected Publications**

"Television News in Civil Rights Struggle: The Views in Virginia and Mississippi," *Southern Spaces*, November 2004.

<http://www.southernspaces.org/contents/2004/Thomas/4a.htm>

"The Differences Slavery Made: A Close Analysis of Two American Communities," co-author with Edward L. Ayers, *American Historical Review*, December 2003.

<http://www.vcdh.virginia.edu/AHR>

Lawyering for the Railroad: Business, Law, and Power in the New South, Louisiana State University Press, 1999.

## **Recent Grants Awarded**

Virginia Foundation for the Humanities, "Television News in the Civil Rights Era," 2004

National Endowment for the Humanities, "Environmental History of the Chesapeake Bay: The Eastern Shore of Virginia and the Railroad, 1870-1930," 2003

National Science Foundation, "Comparative Stability of Ecosystems: Five Centuries of Human Interaction with the Environment on the Eastern Shore of Virginia," 2003, Co-PI

## **Honors**

*Mead Honored Faculty*, University of Virginia, 2004-2005

*The James Harvey Robinson Prize*, 2003, American Historical Association, with Edward L. Ayers and Anne S. Rubin, for Valley of the Shadow: Two Communities in the American Civil War

*The Lincoln Prize*, 2001, Gettysburg College, Lincoln and Soldiers Institute, with Edward L. Ayers and Anne S. Rubin, for Valley of the Shadow: Two Communities in the American Civil War.

*Emmy Nominee*, Washington, D. C. Chapter, National Television National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences, 2000, with George H. Gilliam, producer, for The Ground Beneath Our Feet, "Massive Resistance."

### **Board Service**

Board of Trustees, Protestant Episcopal Theological Seminary, Alexandria, 2000-present

Vestry Member, St. Paul's Memorial Episcopal Church, 1996-1999

Board of Directors, Center for Liberal Arts, University of Virginia, 1999-present

Advisory Board of the Electronic Imprint, University of Virginia Press, 2002-present

Board of Editors, University of Virginia Press, 2004-present

Board of Editors, *Southern Spaces*, 2003 to present

### **Teaching**

#### **University of Nebraska, 2005-present**

HIST 941: Gilded Age

HIST 397: History of the U.S. South

HIST445/845: Civil War and Reconstruction

HIST 202: U.S. History Since 1877

#### **University of Virginia, 1997-2005**

HIUS 202: History of the United States, 1865-present

HIUS 328: History of Virginia to 1865

HIUS 329: History of Virginia since 1865

HIUS 401: U.S. History Thesis Seminars

HIUS 403: Digital History and the American Civil War Seminar

HIST 608: Civil Rights in U.S. and Virginia History

HIST 611: Nineteenth-Century American History

HIST 603: Civil War Studies

National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Seminar, "Jamestown and the Formation of American Culture"

### **Electronic Archives for Teaching and Research (Director or Co-Director)**

"The Valley of the Shadow: Two Communities in the American Civil War"

<http://valley.vcdh.virginia.edu>

"Television News in the Civil Rights Era, 1950-1970"

<http://www.vcdh.virginia.edu/civilrightstv>

"The Countryside Transformed: The Eastern Shore of Virginia and the Railroad, 1870-1930"

[http://www.vcdh.virginia.edu/eastern\\_shore](http://www.vcdh.virginia.edu/eastern_shore)

(<http://lincoln.vcdh.virginia.edu:8090/exist/eshore/ev.html>)

"The Aurora Project: A Dynamic Atlas of American History" (under development)