

LYDIA TOWNS, PH.D.

EDUCATION

Ph.D. , History, University of Texas at Arlington	2019
Dissertation: <i>Opening the Atlantic World: England's Transatlantic Activities During the Reign of Henry VIII</i>	
Committee: Imre Demhardt, Kathryne Beebe, John Garrigus, Alan Gally	
Exam fields: Transatlantic Slave Trade, British Atlantic, Spanish Atlantic	
M.A. , History and Liberal Arts, Dallas Baptist University	2010
SCIO Summer Semester at Wycliffe College, Oxford University, UK	
B.S. , History and political science, Dallas Baptist University	2009
Graduated <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Adjunct Professor, Texas A&M Commerce

U.S. History to 1877	2021
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Adjunct Professor, University of Texas at Arlington

World History to 1500, (online)	2019, 2021
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American History to 1865, (face-to-face and online)	2020
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World History 1400 to present, (online)	2020
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Adjunct Professor, Dallas Baptist University

The Transatlantic Slave Trade	2021
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American History to 1865	2018-2021
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American History since 1865 (face-to-face and hybrid)	2020
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American History to 1865	2012
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Adjunct Professor, LeTourneau University

American History since 1865 (dual credit)	2021
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American History to 1865, (dual credit, face-to-face and online)	2020
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Adjunct Professor, University of North Texas

Late Medieval History, 1200-1500	2020
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Graduate Teaching Assistant, University of Texas at Arlington	2013- 2019
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Instructor of Record- World History 1500 to Present, (online)	2018-2019
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Instructor of Record- World History 1500 to Present	2018
Instructor of Record- American History 1865 to Present, (online)	2017
Teaching Assistant- American History to 1865	2014-2017
Teaching Assistant- American History 1865 to Present	2013-2017

PUBLICATIONS

- John Cabot and the Dawn of Atlantic Exploration*, Reaktion Books Ltd (*forthcoming*)
- “Motivations and Methodologies for Exploration, 1400-1700,” Lauren Beck, ed., *Cultural History of Exploration* vol. 3, Bloomsbury Press (*forthcoming, book chapter*).
- “Merchants, Monarchs and Sixteenth Century Atlantic Exploration: New Insight into Henry VIII’s Planned Voyage of 1521 to the Americas,” *Terrae Incognitae*, vol. 52.2, Special Anniversary Issue, (Summer, 2020), 214-228.
- Travis, C., Towns, L., et. al. 2019. "Deep Charting, GIS and the Grand Banks," *Geo: Geography and Environment*. March, 2020, <http://dx.doi.org/10.1002/geo2.85>.
- “English Privateers, Pirates and the Transatlantic Slave Trade” *Traversea*, vol. 4. (2014), 3-11.
- “Faithfulness in the Face of Persecution,” *Baptist History and Heritage*, Summer/Fall, (2010), 80-91.

Book Reviews

- Review of, *The Secret Token: Myth, Obsession, and the Search for the Lost Colony of Roanoke*, by Andrew Lawler, Doubleday, 2018. H-Net Reviews (Jan., 2020)
- Review of, *Slave Law and the Politics of Resistance in the Early Atlantic World*, by Edward Bartlett Rugemer, Harvard University Press. H-Net Reviews (Dec., 2019).
- Review of, *Merchants & Explorers: Roger Barlow, Sebastian Cabot, & Networks of Atlantic Exchange 1500-1560*, by Heather Dalton, Oxford University Press, 2016. *Terrae Incognitae Terrae Incognitae* vol. 51, (2019) pp. 292-293.
- Review of, *Where the Negroes are Masters: An African Port in the Era of the Slave Trade*, by Randy Sparks Harvard University Press, *Traversea* vol. 5, (2015).
- Review of *The Ocean is a Wilderness: Atlantic Piracy and the Limits of State Authority, 1688-1856*, by Guy Chet, University of Massachusetts Press, *Traversea*, vol. 4, (2014).

PRESENTATIONS

Invited Speaker

- “The Future of Transatlantic History: Alumni Roundtable” 20th Annual International Graduate Student Conference on Transatlantic History. University of Texas at Arlington. 2019
- “Cartographic Secrecy and Drake’s Circumnavigation” 16th Annual International Graduate Student Conference on Transatlantic History. University of Texas at Arlington, Texas. 2015

Presenter

- “The “Guinea Trade,” Merchant Networks and the Start of London’s Transatlantic Trade, 1531-1562” Britain and the World 2021

“*And also what an honorable thyng, Both to the realme and to the kynge, To haue had his domynyon extendynge,*” John Rastell: a case study of English interest in the New World during the reign of Henry VIII” Society for the History of Discoveries, 2020

“The Voyage of 1521: New Insight into Henry VIII’s Planned Voyage to America” 59th Annual Meeting of the Society for the History of Discoveries. Colorado School of Mines, Golden, Colorado. 2018

“Contradictory Sixteenth-Century Views of Newfoundland” Canada before Confederation: Early Exploration and Mapping. Maritime Museum of the Atlantic, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada. 2017

“Thomas More’s Utopia and Colonization of North America” Southern Conference on British Studies. Dallas, Texas. 2017

“For they nother knowe god nor the Devell: Nor never harde tell of hevyn nor hell’ English Colonization for the Purpose of Bringing the Gospel to the Natives during the Sixteenth Century” Ecclesiastical History Society Winter Meeting. Magdalene College, Cambridge University, UK. 2017

“Imagining the New World: English Perceptions of North America in the Early Sixteenth Century” Southern Conference on British Studies. Tampa, Florida. 2016

“To Regulate or Not to Regulate: the Seven Years’ War and William Pitt’s Attempt to Control British Privateers” 57th Annual Meeting of the Society for the History of Discoveries. Providence Rhode Island. 2016

“The Role of British Privateers in the Seven Years’ War” Western Conference on British Studies. Austin, Texas. 2015

“English Exploration of the New World Under Henry VIII” 56th Annual Meeting of the Society for the History of Discoveries. University of London, UK. 2015

“English Privateers and the Transatlantic Slave Trade” 15th Annual International Graduate Student Conference on Transatlantic History. University of Texas at Arlington, Texas. 2014

“The Drake, Doughty Affair” North East Texas Regional Phi Alpha Theta Conference, Abilene Christian College, Abilene TX. 2011

“Were Elizabethan Privateers “Conviction Protestants” or were they presented as such to form an image of Protestant England?” The First Annual Academic Scrimmage at Dallas Baptist University, Dallas, TX. 2011

“Faithfulness in the Face of Persecution: Thomas Helwys’ Struggle for a Better World,” North East Texas Regional Phi Alpha Theta Conference. Austin College, Sherman, TX. 2010

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Society for the History of Discoveries

Executive Secretary 2017-2023

Editor of *Terra Cognita Newsletter* 2018-2023

AP U.S. History Reader 2018-Present

National History Day Judge 2014-Present

Transatlantic History Student Organization, UT Arlington

President 2015-2017

Conference Coordinator 2016-2017

Secretary 2014-2015

Conference Committee 2014-2015

Transatlantic History Speaker Series, UT Arlington

Chair	2014-2015
<i>Traversea: The Journal of Transatlantic History</i>	
Section Editor	2013- 2015
Alpha-Xi-Beta chapter of Phi-Alpha-Theta, Dallas Baptist University	
Conceived and organized first annual Academic Scrimmage	2011
Founding President of club chapter	2010-2011
History Society of Dallas Baptist University	
Founding president	2009-2010

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Assignments Charrette- AHA Texas Conference on Introductory History Courses	2019
Archival Processing volunteer- UTA Special Collections	2019
Canvas Training- UTA	2019
Geographical Information Systems (GIS) training- UTA	2019
Blackboard Training Seminars- UTA and DBU	2012-2018

HONORS AND AWARDS

George Wolfskill PhD Dissertation Award	2020
University of Texas at Arlington	
Enhanced Graduate Teaching Assistantship Fellowship	2013-2019
University of Texas at Arlington	
College of Liberal Arts Conference Travel Funds Award	2015-2018
University of Texas at Arlington	
Dissertation Research Enhancement Grant	2017
University of Texas at Arlington	
College of Liberal Arts Supplemental Research Award	2017
University of Texas at Arlington	
Graduate Student Grant	2015
Society for the History of Discovery	
College of Liberal Arts Conference International Travel Funds Award	2015
University of Texas at Arlington	
Transatlantic History Fellowship	2013-2015
University of Texas at Arlington	
First place conference paper	2010
North Central- Northeast Texas Regional Phi Alpha Theta conference.	
<i>Faithfulness in the Face of Persecution</i>	
History Recognition Award	2009
Dallas Baptist University	

LANGUAGES

Spanish: Basic reading proficiency

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

American Historical Association
Britain and the World
Ecclesiastical History Society
Hakluyt Society
North American Conference on British Studies
Society for Nautical History
Society for the History of Discoveries
Texas Distance Learning Association

REFERENCES

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