

DAWN ELISABETH PETERSON

CURRICULUM VITAE

Education

Ph.D. American Studies, New York University, 2011

M.A. American Studies, New York University, 2007

B.A. English Literature, *magna cum laude*, Barnard College, 1999

Employment

Assistant Professor of History at Emory University, 2013-

Visiting Lecturer in History at Smith College, 2010-2012

Selected Grants, Awards, and Fellowships

Andrew F. Mellon Foundation Fellowship at the Huntington Library, summer 2013

Finalist, Ralph Henry Gabriel Dissertation Prize, American Studies Association, 2012

Hench Post-Dissertation Fellowship at the American Antiquarian Society, 2012-2013

Institute/NEH Postdoctoral Fellowship at The Omohundro Institute of Early American History and Culture, The College of William and Mary, 2012-2014 (*declined*)

Library Company/NEH Postdoctoral Fellowship at the Library Company of Philadelphia, 2012-2013 (*declined*)

Monticello College Foundation Fellowship for Women at the Newberry Library, 2012 (*declined*)

University of Massachusetts Mellon Mutual Mentoring Grant for the Five Colleges Writing Group, 2011-2012

Crossroads in the Study of the Americas Fellowship at Five Colleges, Inc., spring-fall 2011

Consortium Dissertation Fellowship at the McNeil Center for Early American Studies, University of Pennsylvania, 2009-2010

Dean's Dissertation Fellowship at the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, New York University, 2009-2010

Visiting Fellowship in the Department of History, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, Harvard University, 2008-2009

Short-Term Fellowship for Individual Research at the Newberry Library, winter 2008

Andrew W. Mellon Research Fellowship at the Library Company of Philadelphia and the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, summer 2008

Louise Lerner Prize in American Studies, New York University, 2008

Predocorral Summer Research Fellowship, New York University Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, summer 2007

Henry McCracken Fellowship for Graduate Study at the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, New York University, 2004-2008

Presentations

“Bio-Commerce in Indian Country: Race, Reproduction, and Genealogies of U.S. Economic Imperialism,” Critical Ethnic Studies Association, Chicago, Illinois, September 19-21, 2013

“A Choctaw Mother in Slave Country: Molly McDonald and Indian Adoptions in the Post-Revolutionary South,” Organization of American Historians, San Francisco, California, April 11-14, 2013

“The Politics of Adoption in the Era of Indian Removal, 1818-1830,” American Antiquarian Society Regional Academic Seminar (at the University of Connecticut, Storrs), March 13, 2013

“U.S. Empire, Colonial Archives, and the Discourse of Consent,” invited talk for “Against Recovery?: Slavery, Freedom, and the Archive,” New York University, December 1, 2012

“Bio-Commerce in Indian Country: The U.S. Factory System and the Kin-Based Logics of Commercial Inclusion,” American Studies Association, San Juan, Puerto Rico, November 18, 2012

“A Choctaw Plantation Education in a Post-Revolutionary Atlantic World,” Native American and Indigenous Studies Association, Uncasville, Connecticut, June 5, 2012

“Unusual Sympathies: Race, Adoption, and Empire in Andrew Jackson’s Household,” Friday Seminar, McNeil Center for Early American Studies, University of Pennsylvania, December 9, 2011

“A Greater Christian Family, in Heaven: Early-Nineteenth Century Missionary Education in Cherokee Country,” American Studies Association, Washington, D.C., November 6, 2009

“Domestic Speculations: The Household Economy in Jacksonian Politics,” American Studies Association, Albuquerque, New Mexico, October 19, 2008

“Unusual Sympathies: Race, Family, and Servitude in the Jackson Household,” Organization of American Historians, New York, New York, March 29, 2008

“A Magnificent Pecuniary Return: Thomas L. McKenney’s ‘Indian Portraits’ in London,” American Studies Association, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, October 11, 2007

“AEDPA and the Patriot Act: Discourse on the Family and the Preemption of Equality,” Institute for Culture and Society, Marxist Literary Group, Georgetown University, June 15, 2005

Publications

Unusual Sympathies: Settler Imperialism, Slavery, and the Politics of Adoption in the Early U.S. Republic, dissertation-based book manuscript (in progress)

“Domestic Fronts in the Era of 1812: Slavery, Expansion, and Familial Struggles for Sovereignty in the Early Nineteenth-Century Choctaw South,” in *Warring for America: 1808-1813*, Nicole Eustace, Robert Parkinson, and Fredrika Teute, eds. (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, forthcoming)

“A Preemptive Nationalism: Securing America’s Families after the Oklahoma City Bombing,” *Politics and Culture*, Volume 7, Issue 1, Spring 2006:

<http://www.politicsandculture.org/issue/2006-issue-1/>

Courses

Emory University: Undergraduate: Slavery and Empire in the Era of Revolution (seminar); Native American histories (lecture). Graduate: Race, Gender, and Imperialism in North America, 1500-1877.

Smith College: Colonialism in North America, 1500-1830 (lecture); North American Indian History, 1500-present (lecture); Race and Empire in the Early Republic (research seminar)

New York University (graduate teaching assistant): Introduction to Black Urban Studies; Intersections: Race, Gender, and Sexuality in U.S. History; Queer Histories

Service

Undergraduate Mentor, McNeil Center Undergraduate Workshop, Spring 2010

Panel Co-Organizer, "Expanding God's Country: Religious Education in Early American Empires," American Studies Association Annual Meeting, November 6, 2009

Panel Co-Organizer, "The Speculative Logics of Racial Violence: Investments in Empire in the 1830s," American Studies Association Annual Meeting, October 19, 2008

Memberships

Native American and Indigenous Studies Association

American Studies Association

American Historical Association

References

Walter Johnson

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