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EDUCATION

Harvard University Cambridge, MA
Pb.D. in History, May 2000

University of California Berkeley, CA
B.A. in History, Highest Distinction, May 1992

PUBLICATIONS

- Almost Free: A Story About Family and Race in Antebellum Virginia* (University of Georgia Press, 2012)
- “Early Free-Labor Thought and the Contest over Slavery in the Early Republic,” in Matthew Mason and John Craig Hammond, eds., *Contesting Slavery: The Politics of Freedom and Bondage in the New American Nation* (University of Virginia Press, 2011).
- “Natural Politics: Thomas Jefferson, Elections, and the People,” in John B. Boles and Randal L. Hall, eds., *Seeing Jefferson Anew: In His Time and Ours* (University of Virginia Press, 2010).
- “Manumission and the Two-Race System in Early National Virginia,” in Rosemary Brana-Shute and Randy J. Sparks, eds., *Paths to Freedom: Manumission in the Atlantic World* (University of South Carolina Press, 2009).
- Race and Liberty in the New Nation: Emancipation in Virginia from the Revolution to Nat Turner’s Rebellion* (Louisiana State University Press, 2006; paperback, 2009).
- Biography of Harrison Gray Otis in *American National Biography* (Oxford University Press, 1999).

BOOK REVIEWS

- Kenneth E. Marshall, *Manhood Enslaved: Bondmen in Eighteenth- and Early-Nineteenth Century New Jersey*, for the *American Historical Review*, forthcoming.
- Michael L. Nicholls, *Whispers of Rebellion: Narrating Gabriel’s Conspiracy*, for *The Journal of American History*, forthcoming.
- Jack Rakove, *Revolutionaries: A New History of the Invention of America*, for *The Journal of Southern History*, Feb., 2012.
- Jim Picuch, *Three Peoples, One King: Loyalists, Indians, and Slaves in the Revolutionary South, 1775-1782*, for *The Southern Quarterly*, Fall 2009.

- Charles Irons, *The Origins of Proslavery Christianity: White and Black Evangelicals in Colonial and Antebellum Virginia*, for *Civil War Book Review*, Winter 2009.
- Matthew Mason, *Slavery and Politics in the Early American Republic*, for *The William and Mary Quarterly*, October 2007.
- “Discourse, Politics, and Ending Slavery in New York,” book review of David N. Gellman, *Emancipating New York: The Politics of Slavery and Freedom, 1777-1827* in *Reviews in American History*, June 2007.
- John J. Dinan, *The American State Constitutional Tradition*, for *H-Law*, July 2006.
- David Brion Davis, *Inhuman Bondage: The Rise and Fall of Slavery in the New World*, for *North and South* magazine, Fall 2006.
- Joshua D. Rothman, *Notorious in the Neighborhood: Sex and Families Across the Color Line in Virginia, 1787-1861*, for *The Journal of Southern History*, February 2005.
- Don E. Fehrenbacher, *The Slaveholding Republic: An Account of the United States’ Government’s Relations to Slavery*, for *American Nineteenth Century History*, Fall 2002.

PROFESSIONAL PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS

- “White Liberty and Black Slavery in the Early Republic,” paper presented as part of a panel discussion of “New Perspectives on the Politics of Slavery in the Early Republic” at the Society for Historians of the Early American Republic Conference, July 2007.
- “Natural Politics: Thomas Jefferson, Elections, and the People,” invited paper presented at the Southern History Symposium, “Jefferson in His Time and Ours,” Rice University, February 2007.
- “The ‘White Negroes’ of Fauquier County, Virginia in the Antebellum Period,” paper presented at the Virginia Forum, April 2006.
- “One of the ‘White Negroes’: the Complexities and Ambiguities of a Free Black Man’s Life in Antebellum Virginia,” paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Historical Association, January 2005.
- “White Liberty and the Rise of an Antislavery Constituency in Antebellum Virginia,” paper presented at the Great Lakes History Conference, November, 2003.
- “‘The liberty of Emancipating their Slaves’: Manumission in Virginia, 1782-1806,” paper presented at the College of Charleston’s international conference, “From Slavery to Freedom: Manumission in the Atlantic World,” October 2000.
- “The Problem of Emancipation in Virginia from the Revolution to the Antebellum Era,” paper presented at the Organization of American Historians Annual Meeting, April 1999.
- Presentations of work in progress, Virginia Historical Society Colloquia, 1997, 1998.
- “Belief and Behavior Regarding Slavery in Accomack County, Virginia: An Exploration of Manumission,” paper presented at the Society for Historians of the Early American Republic Annual Meeting, July 1997.

TELEVISION APPEARANCES

Who Do You Think You Are? with Blair Underwood, Feb. 24, 2012.

Finding Your Roots, with Henry Louis Gates, Jr., May 13, 2012.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

San Francisco State University

San Francisco, CA

Associate Professor, History Department, 2007-present

Assistant Professor, History Department, 2002-2007

Classes taught:

Undergraduate:

U.S. History to 1877

Seminar in Historical Analysis

Unfree Labor in Early America

Founding of the American Nation

Proseminar: The New Nation, 1781-1815

Graduate:

The Transition to Capitalism in the US

History as a Field of Knowledge

Founders of the American Nation

Regionalism and Nationalism in Early America

preparation for the comprehensive exam

independent study

Hobart and William Smith Colleges

Geneva, NY

Assistant Professor, History Department, 2000-2002.

Classes taught:

Introduction to the American Experience

The American Revolution

African American History to 1865

African American History, 1865 to present

Seminar: Emancipation in America in Comparative Perspective

HONORS AND AWARDS

Sabbatical Leave, San Francisco State University, Fall 2010.

Tenured and Promoted to Associate Professor, San Francisco State University, 2007.

Presidential Award for Professional Development of Probationary Faculty, San Francisco State University, Fall 2006.

California State University Affirmative Action Faculty Development Program Award, spring 2006.

California State University Affirmative Action Faculty Development Program Award, spring 2003.

Hobart and William Smith Colleges Faculty Research Grant, 2001.

Packard Fellowship for Dissertation Completion, Harvard University, 1999-2000.
Virginia Historical Society Mellon Research Fellowship, 1997, 1998.
R.C. and E.L. Cabot Fellowship, Harvard University, 1996-97.
Charles Warren Center Travel Grant, Harvard University, 1996, 1997.
Harvard Grant, 1993-98.
Harvard University Graduate Society Pre-Dissertation Award, 1995.
Phi Beta Kappa, 1992.
University of California Honorary Scholarship, 1987-89.
California Regents Scholarship, 1987.
National Merit Finalist, 1987.

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION, SF STATE, AND THE COMMUNITY

Chair, Subcommittee for Initial Review of Upper Division General Education Courses, SF State, 2011-present.

Presenter, Alameda County School District teacher, Teaching American History Grant, August 2012.

Commenter, "Race and Foreign Relations," Conference of the Society for Historians of the Early American Republic, July 2012.

Organizer, History Department Faculty Colloquium Series, 2004-present.

Phi Beta Kappa Committee on Members-in-Course, SF State, 2011-present.

Commenter, *Race and Foreign Encounters*, at the Society for Historians of the Early American Republic Conference, July 2012.

J. Franklin Jameson Fellowship Committee, American Historical Association, 2010-2012.

Commenter, "The Growing Empire of Liberty and Slavery: Three Crises in Slavery's Western Expansion," at the Society for Historians of the Early American Republic Conference, July 2011.

Manuscript Reviewer, *Journal of American History*, 2011.

History Department Hiring Committee, SF State, 2008-11.

Organizer, History Department Awards Ceremony and Dinner, SF State, 2004-11.

Met with delegation from Uzbekistan regarding slavery and forced labor, 2011.

Hosted Regina Mason, speaking on *Life of William Grimes, the Runaway Slave*, SF State, 2010.

Manuscript reviewer for Oxford University Press, 2010.

Seminar Leader, Oakland School District, 8th grade U.S. History teachers, preparation for district-wide assessment, October 2010.

Seminar Leader, Mt. Diablo School District, 4th and 5th grade teachers, Teaching American History Grant, May 2010.

Tenure file reviewer for Merrimack College (Sean Condon), Feb. 2010.

Phi Beta Kappa Visiting Scholar committee, SF State, Spring 2010.

Academic Senate Library Advisory Committee, SF State, 2006-08, 2009-10.

History Department Long Range Planning Committee, SF State, 2009-10.

BSS College Awards Committee, SF State, 2009.

Seminar Leader for Oakland Unified School District teachers, Teaching American History Grant, November 2009.

Co-coordinator, SF State Rights Conference, September 2009.

Panel chair and commentator, "Slavery," SF State Rights Conference, September 2009.

Seminar Leader for Oakland Unified School District, Teaching American History Grant, June 2009.

Panel chair, "Slavery and Status," French Colonial Historical Society Conference, San Francisco, May 2009.

Seminar Leader for Mt. Diablo Unified School District teachers, Teaching American History Grant, April 2009.

BSS representative to the California Faculty Association Executive Board, SF State, 2007-2009.

Adviser, Phi Alpha Theta Honor Society, SF State, 2005-2009.

Seminar Leader for San Francisco Unified School District 8th grade teachers, Teaching American History Grant, January 2006, June 2006, November 2006.

Tenure file reviewer, scholarship section, for Virginia Commonwealth University History Department (John Kneebone), Oct. 2006.

Commentator, "Sources of Antislavery Discourse," panel at the American Historical Association, Pacific Coast Branch meeting, August, 2006.

Co-organizer, Bay Area Seminar for Early American History, summer 2006.

Manuscript reviewer for *Journal of Southern History*, December 2005.

Panel organizer, "The Permeable Boundaries of Race: Interactions between Free People of Color and Whites in the Antebellum South," for American Historical Association Meeting, Jan. 2005 (accepted).

Panel organizer, "The Boundaries of Race in the Antebellum South," for the Southern Historical Association Meeting, November, 2004 (rejected).

Co-adviser, Phi Alpha Theta Honor Society, 2005.

Dinner with BSS Learning Community, December 2005.

Talk delivered to Colonial Dames, San Francisco Chapter "Women, Childbirth, and Religious Experience in the Eighteenth Century," November, 2004.

Talk delivered to students at Sacramento State University, "Liberty and Slavery: How and Why Slaveholders Freed Their Slaves After the American Revolution," April, 2004.

Member, Hiring Subcommittee for American Ethnic and Race Relations search, History Department, SF State, 2003-2004.

Chair, Social Committee, History Department, SF State, 2003-2004.

Faculty Presenter, History Student Association movie night, SF State, 2003, 2004.

Faculty Presenter, New Faculty Orientation, SF State, 2003.

Talk delivered at a conference for Advanced Placement students, "The Virginia Slavery Debate of 1831-32," Rochester, NY, March, 2002.

Talk delivered to graduate students at SUNY, Cortland, "On Research and Writing," February 2001.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Historical Association

Omohundro Institute of Early American History and Culture

Society for Historians of the Early American Republic

Eva Sheppard Wolf is a professor in the History department at San Francisco State University - see what their students are saying about them or leave a rating yourself. Professor Sheppard Wolf's Top Tags. Tough graderGet ready to readParticipation mattersAmazing lecturesGives good feedback. Bummer, Professor Sheppard Wolf doesn't have any featured ratings. Check out Similar Professors in the History Department. 5.00Larry Solomon. Eva Sheppard Wolf received her Ph.D. from Harvard University in 2000 and arrived at SF State in 2002. She teaches courses on early American history, including the American Revolution, Race and Ethnicity in the US to 1890, and Unfree Labor. She is an expert on manumission, race, and free blacks in antebellum Virginia. In *Almost Free*, Eva Sheppard Wolf uses the story of Samuel Johnson, a free black man from Virginia attempting to free his family, to add detail and depth to our understanding of the lives of free blacks in the South. There were several paths to freedom for slaves, each of them difficult. After ten years of elaborate dealings and negotiations, Johnson earned manumission in August 1812. Eva Sheppard Wolf's *Followers* (1). Eva Sheppard Wolf. edit data. Combine Editions. Eva Sheppard Wolf's books. Eva Sheppard Wolf Average rating: 4.0. 31 ratings 1 review 2 distinct works. *Race and Liberty in the New Nation: Emancipation in Virginia from the Revolution to Nat Turner's Rebellion*. Eva Sheppard Wolf received her Ph.D. from Harvard University in 2000 and arrived at SF State in 2002. She teaches courses on early American history, including the American Revolution, Race and Ethnicity in the US to 1890, and Unfree Labor. She is an expert on manumission, race, and free blacks in antebellum Virginia.