

# ELISE LEAL

Curriculum Vitae

---

Department of History

(509) 777-4367

eal@whitworth.edu

Twitter: @KatherineEliseL

Whitworth University

201-K Weyerhaeuer Hall

300 W. Hawthorne Road

Spokane, WA 99251

---

## EDUCATION

Ph.D., Department of History, Baylor University, 2018

Dissertation: "Reforming Manners, Redeeming Souls: Sunday Schools, Childhood, and the Formation of Early Nineteenth-Century American Religious Culture"

Preliminary Exam Fields: United States to 1877; American Religion; Gender Theory and European Women 1300-1750

Adviser: Thomas S. Kidd

M.A., Department of History, Texas State University-San Marcos, 2013

Thesis: "'Education for God': The Ideological Transformation of the American Sunday School Movement, 1790-1834"

Adviser: Ronald Angelo Johnson

B.A., Department of Communication (magna cum laude), Regent University, 2011

Study abroad, Oxford Summer Programme, 2010

## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Assistant Professor of Early American History, Department of History, Whitworth University, 2018-Present

## PUBLICATIONS

### Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

"'All Our Children May be Taught of God': Sunday Schools and the Roles of Childhood and Youth in Creating Evangelical Benevolence." *Church History: Studies in Christianity and Culture* [accepted, forthcoming December 2018]

"John Mirk, Cotton Mather, and the Domestication of Female Piety: Reevaluating the Eighteenth-Century Roots of True Evangelical Womanhood." *New England Quarterly* [revise and resubmit in progress]

## **Book Reviews**

“*Bible Culture & Authority in the Early United States*. By Seth Perry.” *Journal of Church and State* [forthcoming]

“*The Transatlantic Kindergarten: Education and Women’s Movements in Germany and the United States*. By Ann Taylor Allen.” *Journal of the History of Childhood and Youth* [forthcoming]

“*Sacred Scripture, Sacred War: The Bible and the American Revolution*. By James P. Byrd.” *Journal for Eighteenth-Century Studies* 39, Issue 2 (June 2016): 306-307.

## **Works in Progress**

“Histories of Sunday Schooling in the 19<sup>th</sup> Century: International Perspectives.” *Research Perspectives in Religion and Education Series*, Brill [contract pending]

## **FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND SCHOLARSHIPS**

American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies Fellowship, Boston Athenaeum, 2016-2017

Short-Term Research Fellowship Alternate, American Antiquarian Society, 2017

Short-Term Research Fellowship Alternate, Library Company of Philadelphia, 2017

Doctoral Research Travel Award, Baylor University, 2017

Research Travel Grant, Congregational Library and Archives, 2016

Lynn E. May Study Grant, Southern Baptist Historical Library and Archives, 2016

Doctoral Scholarship Award, Phi Alpha Theta National History Honor Society, 2016

Graduate School Fellowship, Baylor University, 2013-2018

Merit Scholarship, Regent University, 2009-2011

## **AWARDS AND HONORS**

Sidney E. Mead Prize, American Society of Church History, 2017

Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award, Baylor University, 2017

George P. Hammond Paper Prize, Phi Alpha Theta National History Honor Society, 2016

Excellence in Student Involvement Award, Baylor University, 2016

Outstanding Graduate Student Paper Award, Nineteenth-Century Research Society, Baylor University, 2014

Alpha Chi National Honor Society, 2012

Phi Alpha Theta National History Honor Society, 2011

Lambda Pi Eta National Communication Association Honor Society, 2010

Dean's List, Regent University, 2009-2011

## **CONFERENCE ACTIVITY**

### **Conferences Organized**

“Navigating the Journey to Success,” Women in the Academy Biennial Conference, Baylor University, April 7, 2018

### **Panels Organized**

“Women’s Global Activism in the Twentieth Century: Changing Protestant Conceptions of Gender and Race in International Contexts,” American Society of Church History Winter Meeting, January 3-6, 2019 [forthcoming]

“Testing Ecclesiastical-Civil Boundaries in Educational Spaces: Case Studies from Nineteenth- and Twentieth-Century America,” American Society of Church History Winter Meeting, January 4-7, 2018

“Children as Migrants, Converts, and Mothers: Using Age as a Category of Analysis to Link Historical Experiences,” American Historical Association Annual Meeting, Co-sponsored by the Society for the History of Children and Youth and the Conference on Latin American History, January 5-8, 2017

“American Women’s Religious Leadership in a Global Context, 1812-1945,” Organization of American Historians Annual Meeting, April 7-10, 2016

“Reframing Religious Reform through Childhood – From Sixteenth-Century England to Nineteenth-Century America,” American Society of Church History Winter Meeting, January 7-10, 2016

### **Papers Presented**

“Preaching a Gospel of Diversity: Female Leadership and Interracial Cooperation in the International Sunday School Convention,” American Society of Church History Winter Meeting, January 3-6, 2019 [forthcoming]

“Shaping Women of ‘Unsubdued Spirit’: Rebecca Gratz and Female Religious Leadership in Antebellum American Judaism,” Thirty-First Biennial Conference on Faith and History, October 4-6 2018 [forthcoming]

“Paying it Forward: Preparing Graduate Student Women for Leadership in the Academy,” Texas Women in Higher Education Conference, April 16, 2018

“Dictators of the Consciences of Thousands of Immortal Beings’: Sunday Schools, Parental-Pastoral Authority, and the Creation of Youth Religious Networks in the Early Republic,” American Society of Church History Winter Meeting, January 4-7, 2018

- “Agency and Spiritual Identities in American Sunday School Union Publications: Reassessing the Boundaries of Childhood Religious Empowerment,” Ninth Biennial Conference of the Society for the History of Children and Youth, June 21-23, 2017
- “Nurseries of the Church of God’: Sunday Schools, Childhood, and the Expansion of Evangelicalism in the Early American Republic,” American Historical Association, Sponsored by the Society for the History of Children and Youth and the Conference on Latin American History, January 5-8, 2017
- “My Children, Make Your Savior Your Friend’: Children’s Spiritual Identities in American Sunday School Union Publications, 1827-1850,” Thirtieth Biennial Conference on Faith and History, October 20-22, 2016
- “I Am Almost Ready to Wish Myself a Man’: Harriet Lathrop Winslow and the Creation of Female Missionary Identities, 1819-1833,” Organization of American Historians Annual Meeting, April 7-10, 2016
- “Bringing Little Ones to Christ’: The Evangelical Transformation of American Sunday Schools and Changing Attitudes toward Childhood Conversion, 1790-1824,” American Society of Church History Winter Meeting, January 7-10, 2016
- “Examples of Modesty, Piety, and Grace’: Female Piety and Domesticity in Medieval and Early Modern Sermons,” Texas Medieval Association Annual Conference, October 16-18, 2015
- “Gender Cooperation and the Institutionalization of the New York Sunday School Movement, 1816-1828,” Society for the Historians of the Early American Republic Annual Meeting, July 16-19, 2015
- “I Am Almost Ready to Wish Myself a Man’: Harriet Lathrop Winslow and the Creation of Female Missionary Identities, 1819-1833,” American Society of Church History Spring Meeting, April 16-19, 2015
- “Our Endeavor is to Avoid Slavery’: The American Sunday School Union's Policy of Silence and the Redefinition of Evangelical Benevolence,” Conference on Faith and History, September 25-27, 2014
- “Children May be Taught of God: The Evangelical Sunday School Movement in Philadelphia, 1817-1824,” Boston College Biennial Conference on the History of Religion, March 28-29, 2014
- “In Every Destitute Place: The Mission Programs of the American Sunday-School Union,” Phi Alpha Theta Graduate Student Conference, Texas State University-San Marcos, November 10, 2012
- “Cultural Encounters in the San Antonio Missions: Compromises and Clashes Between Franciscan Missionaries and Native Americans,” Texas A&M History Conference, February 24, 2012
- “A Sect by Himself: The Religious Views of Thomas Jefferson,” Phi Alpha Theta Graduate Student Conference, Texas State University-San Marcos, November 5, 2011

## **Campus Talks**

“HerStories” Panel Presenter, Women in the Academy Biennial Conference, Baylor University, April 7, 2018

“Maintaining Balance While Not Sacrificing Academic Success,” Life on the Grad Line Workshop, Baylor University, November 10, 2014

“‘Our Society Cannot Meddle’: The American Sunday School Union and the Problem of Slavery,” Nineteenth-Century Research Seminar, Baylor University, May 9, 2014

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

Assistant Professor of Early American History, Department of History, Whitworth University, 2018-Present

- American History before 1877 [Fall 2018]
- Western Civilization III: Applied Ethics, Public Policy, and Worldviews [Fall 2018]
- Early American History [Fall 2018]

Teacher of Record, Department of History, Baylor University, 2017-2018

- Introduction to Women’s and Gender History (Spring 2018)
- History of the United States to 1877 (Spring 2017)
- History of United States from 1877 (Summer 2017)

Adjunct Faculty of Online Learning, Department of History, Regent University, 2016

- History of the United States from 1877 (Fall 2016)

Teaching Capstone in Higher Education Program, Baylor University, 2016

- Year-long, self-directed program that included auditing a summer pedagogy seminar on World History surveys, completing supervised teaching sessions, participating in Baylor’s Seminars for Excellence in Teaching, and creating course syllabi

Teaching Assistant, Baylor University, 2013-2016

- World History Since 1500 (Fall 2016), History of the South (Fall 2015, Spring 2016), and History of the United States to 1877 (Fall 2014)
- Delivered guest lectures, maintained Canvas course sites, graded exams and assignments

Teaching Assistant, Texas State University-San Marcos, 2012-2013

- History of the United States to 1877 (Spring 2012, Spring 2013), and History of the United States from 1877 (Fall 2012)
- Led small group study sessions, monitored attendance, graded exams and assignments

## **ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE**

Special Graduate Assistant to the President, Baylor University, 2017-2018

- Responsibilities include writing major university and civic addresses, conducting background research for events, and assisting with crafting agendas for administrative and faculty presentations.

Doctoral Administrative Fellow, Graduate School, Baylor University, 2016-2018

- Co-director of the Preparing Our Future Faculty program. Responsibilities include developing curriculum and teaching professional development workshops.
- Co-director of the Teaching Capstone in Higher Education program. Responsibilities include supervising program operations and developing program curriculum.
- Co-director of Women in the Academy (WITA). Responsibilities include running the WITA Mentorship Program and coordinating the bi-annual WITA Conference.

President, Graduate Student Association, Baylor University, 2015-2017

- Functioned as external face of the organization, worked with Baylor Graduate School and university executives to enhance graduate student living and university policies.
- Responsibilities included running monthly Assembly meetings, hosting department-level and university-wide events, representing graduate students to the Baylor administration, and co-directing special project commissioned by the Office of the Provost.

Vice President, Graduate Student Association, Baylor University, 2014-2015

- Responsibilities included assisting with monthly Assembly meetings, hosting department-level and university-wide events, developing new programs, and monitoring the budget.

## **ACADEMIC SERVICE**

Member, Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award Selection Committee, Baylor University, 2018

Mentorship Program Committee Member and Host Program Coordinator Alternate, Coordinating Council for Women in History, 2017-2018

Member, President's Advisory Council on Diversity, Baylor University, 2017

Founding Committee Member, Women's Mentorship Program, Women in the Academy Conference-Baylor University Colloquium Committee, Baylor University, 2016-2017

Member, Spiritual Life and Character Formation Task Force, Baylor University, 2016-2017

Resource Manager, Women in the Academy Conference Steering Committee, Baylor University, 2015-2016

Co-Founder and Co-Director, Graduate-Undergraduate Mentorship Program, Baylor University, 2014-2017

Graduate Mentor, History Department, Texas State University-San Marcos, 2012-2013

President, Lambda Pi Eta, Regent University, 2010-2011

Mentor, Peer Mentorship Program, Regent University, 2009-2011

## COMMUNITY SERVICE

AWANA Club Leader, Highland Baptist Church, Waco TX, 2017-2018

Judge, Heart of Texas Regional History Fair, Baylor University, 2014

Small group leader, ALPHA Course, Point of Grace Lutheran Church, Pflugerville TX, 2012-2013

## MEMBERSHIPS

American Historical Association

American Society of Church History

Conference on Faith and History

Coordinating Council for Women in History

Organization of American Historians

Society for Historians of the Early American Republic

Society for the History of Childhood and Youth

## REFERENCES

Thomas S. Kidd  
Distinguished Professor of History  
Baylor University  
One Bear Place #97306  
Waco, Texas 76798  
(254) 710-6304  
Thomas\_Kidd@baylor.edu

Beth Allison Barr  
Associate Professor of History  
Graduate Program Director  
Baylor University  
One Bear Place #97306  
Waco, Texas 76798  
(254) 710-3512  
Beth\_Barr@baylor.edu

Andrea L. Turpin  
Associate Professor of History  
Baylor University  
One Bear Place #97306  
Waco, Texas 76798  
(254) 710-6296  
Andrea\_Turpin@baylor.edu

T. Laine Scales  
Associate Dean, Graduate School  
Baylor University  
One Bear Place #97264  
Waco, Texas 76798-7264  
Morrison Hall, Suite 200  
(254) 710-4487  
Laine\_Scales@baylor.edu

Christopher M. Rios  
Assistant Dean, Graduate School  
Baylor University  
One Bear Place #97264  
Waco, Texas 76798-7264  
Morrison Hall, Suite 200  
(254) 710-4487  
Chris\_Rios@baylor.edu