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Certificate British His. 1999, University of Cambridge, England, 1999.
M.A. 2003, University of Kentucky, Lexington, Kentucky, 2001-2003.
Ph.D. 2014, University of Kentucky, Lexington, Kentucky, 2005-2014.

1999-2000 Crew Leader and Enumerator Department of Commerce
2000-2001 First Reader Cover to Cover Publishing
2001-2003 Teaching Assistant University of Kentucky
2003-2004 English Instructor Chengde Medical College, China
2004-2005 Adjunct History Professor Indiana University Southeast
2005-2007 Teaching Assistant University of Kentucky
2006-2007 Adjunct History Professor Midway College, Kentucky
2007-2009 World History Teacher South Lake High School, Clermont, FL.
2009-2010 Spent year conducting research at various state and national archives.
2010-2016 Manuscript Editor and Administrative Assistant Allegro Press
2016-2017 Visiting Assistant Professor Austin Peay State University, Clarksville, TN.
2018-2022 History Instructor Austin Peay State University, Clarksville, TN.

Teaching Areas of Specialization: Southern History, Florida History, History of Race,
African American, Tourism, Modern America, New Deal, Public History

Student Research at Austin Peay:

20th Century Popular Music in the United States and Britain (1890-1940)- For the past three years (2017-2019), I have been working with students in my American History 2020 Classes on a Public History Project that allows students to examine the top selling songs from both England and the United States between 1890 and 1940 before the advent of the Hit Parade which initiated the Billboard Music Charts. I am asking students to meld the top 100-200 songs from a given year from both Britain and the U.S. and to then create a Youtube station of the given year in which they have chosen. I chose this project as there are currently very few web-based channels that reflect the top standards of these years, though the popular music is largely individually recorded via videos of Victrola's playing Edison Cylinders. I feel that this would be an invaluable asset to history teachers and will also help give a public face to not only the work of the students at Austin Peay but also the dedicated commitment of the history department to seeing students contribute to public history projects with a larger national outreach.

Service for the University and Department:

Speaker –November 6, 2020 – Brought in Brenda Harper to speak on Women’s Suffrage in Clarksville and the creation of the Women’s Suffrage public monument.

Speaker – November 16, 2020 – “The Promise and Pitfalls of Public History”. Zoom Talk Hosted by the Austin Peay History Club and Phi Alpha Theta.

Speaker- October 21, 2019 – Horror History Talk. “Tustenugee’s Chair: A Look at a Cross-Cultural Native American Horror Story.”

Editorial Work- Theta-Delta: Phi Alpha Theta History Journal. April 2019

Sponsored Guest Speaker- October 30- I brought in Arthur, Pat Fitzhugh, to be the featured speaker in the *Spooky Sessions* Lecture Series. Fitzhugh offered a riveting lecture on the Bell Witch at the Morgan University Center that was open to both the student body at Austin Peay as well as to the public.

Ghost Volunteer – October 27, 2019 - Volunteered with the Austin Peay History Club and Phi Alpha Theta to work the booth at the University sponsored event.

History talk on “Secrets of Aunt Aggies Bone Yard” - October 29- Gave a university wide talk as part of the *Spooky Sessions* lecture series. It was held in the Mable Larson Gallery of Harned Hall.

Ghost Volunteer- October 28, 2018- Volunteered with the Austin Peay History Club and Phi Alpha Theta to work the booth at the University sponsored event.

Spooky Sessions- October 2018- Co-Organized, hosted, and participated in a lecture series at Austin Peay State University featuring both students and guest lecturers. The lecture series featured history talks with a paranormal theme that were offered to the student body at large. Sponsored by the local chapter of Phi Alpha Theta, the history honor society, as well as the Austin Peay History Club. Featured talks: “The Malleus Maleficarum: A Guide to 15th Century German Witch-hunting” by an Austin Peay history graduate student. “The Secrets of Aggie’s Boneyard” by Dr. Chris Esing, and “The Bell Witch” by Pat Fitzhugh.

Phi Alpha Theta History Conference- April 1, 2017- University of Tennessee Martin. I served as one of the paper judges for the Conference, reading and ranking 17 papers competing for the top prize.

History Day- Tuesday February 28, 2017, Austin Peay University. Regional Competition for National History Day. Served as a Judge and Moderator the for Junior Division Website History Projects.

Austin Peay Day- Saturday February 4, 2017, Austin Peay University- Helped to staff the tables and recruit potential students interested in attending the university and discussing the benefits of pursuing a major in history to potential students.

Fort Donelson Staff Ride- November 27, 2016- with Dr. Antonio Thompson and Dr. Kevin Tanner. Attended departmental staff ride to Fort Donelson with Dr. Thompson's American Military History Class and observed students as they experienced and discussed the geographical and tactical implications that shaped the military strategy of both the Confederacy and Union.

Literacy Night- Stewart County High School Tennessee- October 6, 2016- Presented with Dr. Antonio Thompson as representatives of Austin Peay State University. Discussed works that we had authored. Also discussed the benefits of a college education and the great opportunity that having Austin Peay nearby offered to perspective students both, traditional and nontraditional.

Public Service and Historical Contributions:

You Know You Are From Lake City Florida When- For over 8 years, I have regularly contributed photos and bios to a facebook site dedicated to Lake City and Columbia County's History. For the past three years, this includes posting a daily Bio on Citizens, Churches, and Businesses of the Community. In addition, I have posted 5-10 historical photos, postcards, and images from my own scanned collections and those of several museums. Through my contributions, the following of the page has grown to 11,300 members. Because of this site, I have also written over 350 histories on local businesses, 120 bios on prominent African Americans, 165 bios on active women in the community, and 240 Church histories. I have also identified dozens of unidentified historical photos from local archives and repositories.

Board Member Columbia County Community Concert Series- January 14, asked to join the board of the Columbia County Community Concerts and to serve as their grant specialist. Community Concerts is a 63 year old nonprofit organization that provides affordable access to live musical performances and culture. The organizations pays for 5 performers to come each season and also works with them to give children access to new musical genres through free programs with each group.

Columbia County Industry History Display- January, 14, 2022- Provided 200 historic photos of industry in Lake City and Columbia County, FL. for a public history display in the Columbia County Economic Development Offices.

Historic Marker to those who served in the War on Terror- Planned marker to be dedicated on Memorial Day 2022 in conjunction with the American Legion, V.F.W., and the Elks.

Richardson Historic Marker Dedication- Dedication of the Richardson High School Historic Marker detailing the history of African American Education before desegregation at the Richardson Community Center. Dedication in conjunction with the North Star Outreach Center and the Richardson Community Center. Community Celebration planned for Saturday December 26, 2022.

Bicentennial marker dedication- For the Olustee 2022 Festival, Dedicated a historic marker recognizing the 200th Anniversary of the settlement of Lake City and Columbia County with 350 descendants of the original Raulerson family who will also receive certificates as the 2022 Olustee Pioneer and Founding Family.

Preserving and Conserving back issues of the Lake City Reporter- December 2022- While working on a history outline for a Founder's Day article, I had a gap of information, and I discovered a large repository of old bound copies of Lake City Reporters that were believed to have been lost or destroyed during their conversion to microfilm 50 years ago. The bound copies spanned over a hundred years, and the excitement came since much of the microfilm is illegible because of the poor condition in which they were copies. I was delighted to find them, but I was disturbed in the conditions in which they were kept as the editions were thrown in every direction in a room that leaked and had no access to light. I worked with a local archeologist to spend much of December removing each edition from the room to protect it from leaks which had already destroyed several copies. We organized them, stabilized some editions, and ultimately placed them in a climate-controlled environment where they would be protected. We then began working on new scanning technology scanning editions that had never been seen. We have scanned two entire years with plans to return and scan and make available all 100 years. My colleague and I consider this one of the great finds and tasks of our careers.

Bicentennial Founders Day Celebration – November 2021 – In May of 2021, I gathered with the City and County fathers to begin to plan an event that could honor to 200th anniversary of the first settlement of both Lake City and Columbia County in the fall of 1821. I, the Mayor, the City Events Coordinator, and the Board of the Museum began to lay out our ideas, and I put forth my plan to have a multivenue event involving live music, a craft show, a car show, a giant cake walk, a history carnival, and live Fireworks. I then sat about to organize the activities. I went to the City Council and received use of their four parks in downtown Lake City to hold the event, and I got them to sponsor it to cover the festivities under their insurance. The fireworks were going to cost \$10,000. I received \$5,000 from the County and \$5,000 from First Federal Bank. I then found a host for the cake walk, and I got 16 sponsors to bake cakes for 16 tables to be given away throughout the day to kids and adults alike. Over 500 cakes were baked by churches, bakeries, civic organization, and groups. I then worked with musician Skip Johns to bring in various live performers to play throughout the day at the Darby Pavilion. The History Carnival featured over 20 civic organizations covering one decade each for the 200 year span ranging from 1820

to 2020. These organizations including the Women's Club, Garden Club, Elks Club, Old Bethel Methodist Church, Our Community Cares Coalition, the Rotary, Altrusa, the Lions Club, the Mormon Church, the Markham Family, the Dicks and Witt Families, the Blue Grey Army, the History Museum, Florida Gateway College, the National Guard, the United Way, and many more. They built booths for their time periods, they had period games, and they offered period foods and prizes for anyone who visited their exhibits. In addition, there were two dances to cap off the two evenings of festivities, with a massive fireworks over Lake Desoto for the final night. I did so all on less than \$13,000. In addition to the two \$5,000 dollar grants, I received a \$3,000 grant from the Tourism and Development Council.

Springville Family Reunion/ History and Oral Interviews- July 4, 2021- I was invited to attend the annual Springville reunion for the African American community that developed in the area following the Civil War. The celebration began as an Emancipation gathering but was later switched to the 4th of July because it was a federal holiday in which everyone could gather. I met and interviewed two of the oldest attendees for an article including Alvis Allen and Oletha Harris. I also gathered historical information on the community for an article.

Annie Mattox Photo- August 7, 2021- I was approached by the Annie Mattox Park Foundation to find a photo and history of Annie Mattox their namesake. We had a copy of a faded picture that the museum which I had restored and colored for the park's community center. Went and had it framed and donated for the park's rededication. It was dedicated in August, and her photo and history were prominently in the room.

History Ice Cream Social and Carnival- July 23, 2021- The Lake City and Columbia County Historic Museum held an old fashioned ice cream social and history carnival for children. We allowed children to experience the process of homemade ice cream, we had a number of historic demonstrations set up around the museum, and we also had about twenty carnival games. The museum board provided both ice cream and free lunch for anyone who attended. Dozens of prizes and games were handed out for those who attended.

Blast Through the Past- February 20, 2021- Worked with the Lake City and Columbia County Historic Museum to put on historic demonstrations in conjunction with civic and student groups depicting various periods of time in American History. We had a vintage Medical Tent, Victorian Women's Display, A World War II Victory Garden, Jazz Singers from the forties, Civil War reenactors, Students from Columbia High School and Fort White High School performing with their choruses and theater groups. These staged on the grounds of the museum with food trucks parked nearby to help provide for a full day of historic demonstrations and entertainment.

Youth Leadership Week – April 18-24 – Lake City and Columbia County- Organized through Our Community Care Coalition, in conjunction with Its All About My Efforts Nonprofit, the City of Lake City, and Befaihtful Coker. As the Chair of Out Community Cares Coalition, I worked with Befaihtful Coker's Its All About My Efforts to recognize Youth Leaders from around the County and State in a week-long series of activities which featured and highlighted students of all Ages in a variety of categories and specialties. We hosted a speaking contest at the Darby Pavilion, a Parliamentary Debate Competition at the National Guard, An Art Contest held at the Women's Club, a Mock Trial of Cinderella was held at the Blanche Hotel, a Youth Leadership Banket was also held at the Blanche Hotel featuring entertainers, awards, and scholarships that were handed out to the dinner winners. The week of activities culminated Saturday with a history demonstration in which students depicted local historical figures as part of a larger historical scavenger hunt that moved around the historic district.

Richardson Historic Marker – Richardson Round Up/ City of Lake City/ Government of Columbia County – 2020/2021. Wrote the history of the Segregated African American High School in Lake City dating back to Reconstruction and the original Freedman's Bureau School. Used the history to apply for a historic marker with the state. Defended that historic marker in front of the Florida Historic Marker Board. I then went to the City of Lake City and Columbia County Commission and had them split the cost of that monument between the two governments. Worked with museum to hold celebration for monument dedication.

Chairman of the Board – Our Community Cares Coalition – 2021 – On December 30th, I was named Chairman of the Board of the Our Community Cares Coalition, a collaborative venture of 9 nonprofit organizations that have agreed to work together to share resources to help each individual group meet the needs of the groups and individuals which they support. The coalition is geared towards community development in underserved communities. The goal is to use history as a medium to show how volunteerism and volunteers have shaped the history of the community in the past, while also using history research as a tool to reach the larger public in hopes of helping to raise money while also drawing attention to the goals of each organization. It is a unique approach, and I appreciate the opportunity to use my skills as a historian to also help in community development in particular to minority and traditionally underserved neighborhoods in the County.

Board Member Lake City/ Columbia County Historical Museum – Historian- 2019-2021
I have served as a voting member of the board of the local history museum in Lake City, FL. As the resident historian, I have worked to update exhibits, archive collections, and make the museum more inclusive by developing Women's history exhibits and African American history exhibits. Future exhibits will also include bios of noteworthy individuals in businesses, religion, and culture.

Board Member – Historian – Blue Grey Army – 2018-2021 – I have served as a voting

board member for the Blue Grey Army since being appointed in the summer of 2017. In my position, I serve as the historian of the Organization with the responsibility of recognizing a Pioneer Family each year. These duties include choosing a family, tracking down their descendants, organizing a family reunion in the fall at an appropriate historic location, then hosting, feeding, and entertaining the guests. It also entails writing the Pioneer Families Story for publication, printing and the awarding certificates at the annual Battle of Olustee Festival held the second weekend of February.

Women's History Exhibit October 2020- Exhibit on the Women who Shaped and Influenced the Growth of Columbia County, FL. Featuring 100 Biographies that I have written displayed in the main corridor to be moved to the Women's History Room in March of 2021.

Women's Suffrage Centennial Celebration – October 3, 2020. Organized and Hosted a Centennial Commemorative Event to mark the 100th Anniversary of Women's Suffrage in Columbia Co. Invited six guest speakers including Befaihtful Coker (Community Advocate), Merrilee Malwitz-Jipson (Environmental Activist), Narragansett Smith (School Board Member), Deborah Tannenbaum (Deputy of Agriculture State of Florida), and Fay Bowling Warren (City Manager) to help mark the event. These were women who have served in a political role within the community or acted as political advocate for their chosen cause. This seemed like the most appropriate way to honor the women who first registered to vote in 1920 by highlighting the contemporary political and social roles of local women. The City of Lake City agreed to sponsor the event paying for the costs (electricity, insurance, and permits) and provided space at the outdoor Darby Pavilion after I appeared before the City Council to ask for their assistance in the matter. The event was socially distanced with required masks to protect guests from Covid.

Speaker- September 30, 2020 – Featured Guest Speaker on the Centennial of Women's Suffrage in Columbia Co., FL. for the Community Spotlight Radio Show on the Angel Radio Network. 107.9 F.M. Lake City, FL.

Florida Historic Marker – September 28, 2020 – Researched and Wrote the text for a historic marker to recognize Richardson High School, the local segregated High School for Lake City, FL. I worked with Richardson Community Center and the Lake City Historic Society in order to move the application forward providing all the documents and historic resources needed in order to secure the marker.

Historical Appointment and Research – June - August 2020 City of Lake City Committee to Uncover the History of the Olustee Monument and City Park following calls for its removal. I worked with the Mayor, City Manager, and City Attorney to trace the history of the monument using newspapers as well as city and county minutes and records. In the process, I discovered that the city did not erect the monument nor did they own the park upon which it set that the only deeds to the property belonged to Columbia County and at the time of the

monument's erection, it was given to the county and erected on county owned property.

Columbia County Pioneer and Battle of Olustee Descendant Recognition Ceremony- February 2018-2021- A Public history project sponsored every year by the Blue-Grey Army and the Columbia County History Museum that involves recognizing the descendants of two families. The first honors a local Pioneer Family whose ancestors arrived and settled before 1850 in Columbia Co., Florida and contributed to the development of the area and region. The second recognizes a soldier's family who fought in the Battle of Olustee, during the American Civil War. As part of the recognition, I help to organize a family reunion of the descendants in the fall in order to take a group photo of all the living descendants. I research and write articles recognizing the contribution of the family's ancestor, and I recognize the families every year at the Battle of Olustee Festival held in February where I oversee the wagons that carry family descendants while also welcoming and hosting family members to the parade viewing stands. I also offer certificates of recognition at a ceremony. This project necessitates over a hundred-man hours, dozens of contacts, and several months dedicated to researching the histories of the families and their contribution to the local area.

Perspective Public Affairs Presentation of Florida Gateway College Guest Speaker January 2019- Featured Guest Speaker on the Florida Gateway College's Perspective Television and Radio Broadcast featured on Comcast Chanel 8 tv station, WCJX radio Station, and WQHL radio station. Hosted by Mike McKee, Executive Director, Media & Public Information at Florida Gateway College. Spoke on the local and national historical significance of the Battle of Olustee as part of the college's Perspective Talk Show which hosts speakers on local, regional, national issues. Talked on the role of local and national abolitionists in laying the path to the Battle of Olustee as part of a local and state trial run of Abraham Lincoln's 10% Plan.

African American History Month Biographies- February 2017-2022- A Public History Project to be used for the Columbia County Public School System and the Public Library and the Columbia County Historical Museum and Archives examining both prominent African Americans and African American Institutions that have shaped not only the lives of the citizens and communities of Lake City and Columbia County Florida but also had a larger national and international impact. These biographies and vignettes were constructed via primary document research as well as both phone interviews and email exchanges. The subjects include individuals like Bishop Abraham Grant who was born a slave in Columbia County but rose to become a leading elder within the African Methodist Episcopal Church and a prominent advocate for Booker T. Washington. They include over 32 features ranging from Agnes Jones who owned and operated the first African American Tourist Attraction in the State of Florida to Minnie J. Niblack, the first black woman to graduate from college in the state of Florida who led the reform efforts to create the first modern consolidated school system in Florida.

Women's History Month Biographies- March 2017-2022- A Public History Project to be used for the Columbia County Public School System, the Public Library, and the Columbia County Historical Museum and Archives examining both prominent Women and Female Institutions that have shaped the lives of the citizens and communities of Lake City and Columbia County, Florida as well as had a larger national and international impact. These biographies and vignettes were constructed via primary document research as well as through phone interviews and email exchanges. These vignettes include individuals like Thelma Goodbread Flanagan who served with the Works Progress Administration as the State Welfare Chief then helped forge the State and National American Food Service Association establishing nutritional guidelines to meet the dietary needs of students and advocating for the free lunch program as the head of the National School Food Service and Nutrition Education Finance Project. This project includes over 40 features ranging from Alyce Jones Caesar who led the local push to integrate public businesses and institutions in Columbia Co. to Martha Mier, an internationally recognized piano composer.

Key Note Speaker for the 150th Anniversary of the City of Lake City May Vinzant Perkins Literary Day hosted by the Lake City Women's Club and the City of Lake City, FL. August 8th 2009. Served as the Key Note Speaker discussing the impact of Florida's Tourism and Agricultural Development on the City of Lake City from the 19th century to the Great Depression.

Grants:

First Federal Bank- 2021- offered me a \$5000 Grant through the board of the Lake City and Columbia County Historical Museum to pay for the fireworks for the Bicentennial Founders Day Celebration.

Columbia County Commissioners- 2021- The County Commission offered me a \$5000 Grant through the board of the Lake City and Columbia County Historical Museum to pay for the fireworks for the Bicentennial Founders Day Celebration.

TDC- Tourism Development Council- \$3,000- The Tourism Development Council offered me a \$3000 Grant to cover expenditures in advertising the Bicentennial Founders Day Celebration to promote tourism and bring in visitors into the community.

Richardson Marker- After applying for the Richardson Historic Marker, it was going to cost \$2420 to have the plaque cast. One of the individuals offered to pay for it herself, but she was of limited means, so I took it upon my own initiative to seek the funds from the county and city since it was their actions that led to the destruction of the original segregated school much to the dismay of the black community. I was able to convince County Manager, David Kraus, and three City Managers- First Joe Helgenberger, then Amy Fields, and finally, Mike Williams

to split the cost. The Columbia County Commission gave the Lake City and Columbia County Historical Museum \$1210.00 to cover part of the cost. The City of Lake City gave \$1210.00 to the Lake City and Columbia County Historical Museum to cover the other half of the cost. The City also agreed to pay for the installation of the historic marker.

Austin Peay State University. Student Academic Success Initiative (SASI Grant). Proposed and Applied April 2020. I submitted two proposals one for \$3200 for a historical dance program and the second for \$300 to bring a speaker on the commemoration of the Centennial of Women's Suffrage. The \$3200 Grant was denied because of fears over Covid, but the committee awarded the \$300 Grant for the speaker on May 1, 2020.

Austin Peay State University Office of Research and Sponsored Programs. Research Support Grant. Proposed and Applied February 28/ March 1, 2017 Applied for a University Research Grant as a Co-Applicant with Dr. Antonio Thompson for a Project examining the economic, political, and social implications of North American Immigration patterns (legal and illegal) for Mexico, Canada, and the United States. The grant proposes to do archival research in each country as well as to conduct interviews with immigration officials in each country to explore the contemporary and historical implications of immigration across North America.

Conferences:

Presenter at the IARSP (International Academic Research and Sharing Platform) Berlin Conference. May 18-21, 2017 hosted by Berlin Humboldt University Berlin, Germany. Will be presenting a paper entitled "The Boneyard: Race and Gender in the Creation and Development of a Florida Tourist Attraction."

Historical Publications and Works:

Esing, Christopher M. "Raulersons are Deeply Rooted: Pioneer family recognized for impact on Columbia County and Florida." *Currents Magazine Spring 2022 Vol. 16, No. 2*. (Lake City, FL., Lake City Reporter, 2022), pgs.8-15.

Esing, Christopher M. "Black Excellence: A History of African American Education in Columbia County." Lake City Reporter. Saturday, February, 26, 2022

Esing, Christopher M. "Recognizing the Raulerson's Roots: Founding Family honored as Olustee Pioneer Family." Saturday/ Sunday, February 19-20, 2022.

Esing, Christopher M. "Recalling Christmases of Yore: Tracing Christmas Celebrations in Lake City from the Civil War to 1920." Lake City Reporter. Thursday, December 23, 2021.

- Esing, Christopher M. "Tracing Lake City's Roots." *Currents Magazine: Columbia County Bicentennial 1821-2021*. Winter 2021 Vol. 16. Issue No. 1. (Lake City, Lake City Reporter, 2021), pgs. 8-27.
- Esing, Christopher M. "Celebrating Its History: Founders Day Event Honor's County's Bicentennial." *Currents Magazine: Columbia County Bicentennial 1821-2021*. Winter 2021 Vol. 16. Issue No. 1. (Lake City, Lake City Reporter, 2021), 30-33.
- Esing, Christopher M. "Paving the Way: Key Figures in the History of Lake City and Columbia County over the past 200 years." *Currents Magazine: Columbia County Bicentennial 1821-2021*. Winter 2021 Vol. 16. Issue No. 1. (Lake City, Lake City Reporter, 2021), 36-59.
- Esing, Christopher M. "Bicentennial Founders Day Set For Nov. 20." *Lake City Reporter*. Monday, November 1, 2021.
- Esing, Christopher M. "Contested Sand: Commemorating the Bicentennial of the Settlement of Lake City and Columbia County." *Currents Magazine Summer 2021 Vol. 15, No. 3*. (Lake City, FL., Lake City, Reporter, 2021), pgs.30-38.
- Esing, Christopher "Community of Springville Celebrates Its History with Reunion Every 4th of July." *Lake City Reporter*, Friday, July, 9, 2021.
- Esing, Christopher. "Out with the Old: A History of the Traditions that Mark New Year's Festivities." *Lake City Reporter*, Thursday, December 31, 2020.
- Esing, Christopher. "The Arm-Chair of Tustenugee: A History of a Local Legend." *Lake City Reporter*, Saturday, October 31, 2020.
- Esing, Christopher. "Political Pioneers: More than 900 Local Women Registered to Vote in 1920. Columbia County Women's Suffrage Centennial Celebration." *Lake City Reporter*, Sunday, September 26, 2020.
- Esing, Christopher. "2020 Battle of Olustee Festival and Reenactment Pioneer Family: Alexander Miller Hawthorne & Myrtis Alethia Farmer." *Olustee Battle Festival Program*. (Lake City, FL.: North Central Florida Advertiser, 2020).
- Esing, Christopher. "Pioneer Family: Hawthorne Family Leaves Lasting Legacy on Community." *Lake City Reporter*, Sunday, February 9, 2020.
- Esing, Christopher "Perilous Times for County's Pioneers: The Harringtons served gallantly during the Civil War" *Lake City Reporter*, Saturday, February 11, 2018

Esing, Christopher. "2019 Battle of Olustee Pioneer Family: Henry Monroe and Polester Raulerson Harrington" *Experience Olustee. Official Program of the Blue-Grey Army. 41st Annual Battle of Olustee Festival*. (Lake City, FL., North Central Florida Advertiser, 2019).

Esing, Christopher. Writer and Director. "Feel the Power of Living History: 41st Annual Battle of Olustee Festival, February 15th-16th, 2019" Lake City, FL. Blue-Grey Army/ Olustee Battle Festival, 2019. Commercial for the Blue-Grey Army and Lake City Advertiser promoting living history and history reenactors as part of the local advertising campaign.

Esing, Christopher. "Oranges and Abolitionists: How Land Speculators Laid the Union Path to Olustee" *Family Magazine Winter Edition 2018 Issue. 01 Vol. 05*. (Lake City, FL., North Central Florida Advertiser Inc., December 2018).

Esing, Christopher. "Battle of Olustee Festival: Allen Brother's Left Lasting Legacy on County" *Lake City Reporter*, Saturday, February 11, 2018.

Esing, Christopher. "2018 Battle of Olustee Pioneer Family: Andrew Young Allen and Wyatt Carter Allen" *40th Anniversary Olustee 2018, Official Program of the Olustee Festival*. (Lake City, FL., North Central Florida Advertiser, 2018).

Esing, Christopher M. *Beneath the Skin Lies the Truth: An Historical Analysis of Aunt Aggie's Bone Yard*. Lake City, FL.: Lake City Historical Society, 2005.

Esing, Christopher M. *The Prophets of Pleasure: The Development of Florida from the Civil War to 1905*. Dissertation, University of Kentucky, 2014.

Esing, Christopher. "Zombies in the Sunshine State: An Economic and Historical Analysis of the Zombie Apocalypse." in *But if a Zombie Apocalypse Did Occur: Essays on Medical, Military, Governmental Ethical, Economic, and Other Implications*. Ed. Amy L. Thompson and Antonio Thompson. 261-266. Jefferson, N.C.: McFarland & Company, Inc. Publishers, 2015.

History Review and Editorial Work-

Reviewed and Edited publication manuscript "Alfred Royal Wynne, Inland Slave Trade" for the Tennessee Historical Quarterly. October 2020.

Edited "Olustee: Rest of the Story" by Christopher Michael Lydick, M.S. Archeologist and Historian for Olustee Battlefield for publication. Story examined the role of Columbia County, FL. in housing Union and African American POWS following the Battle of Olustee and then later enacting an illegal POW exchange towards the end of the war. Published in Lake City Reporter in July 2020.

Reviewed and edited the Reelfoot Lake Greater Ecosystem Fieldtrip Guide by Roy Van Arsdale, University of Memphis, Stan A. Dunagan, Department of Agriculture at University of Tennessee Martin, and Thomas Blanchard, Department of Biological Sciences Tennessee Martin. For the Tennessee Academy of Science Journal. January 19, 2019.

Nonacademic Publications and Contributions:

Esing, Christopher M. "Youth Leaders to be Recognized." Lake City Reporter. Tuesday, April 20, 2021. Article featuring bios of Youth Leaders that I wrote to honor leading students in their given fields for Youth Leadership Week organized by Our Community Cares Coalition.

Esing, Christopher M. (author), Manning, Mary M. (illustrator), *Dubious Jack the Pumpkin King*. Lake City, FL.: Allegro Press, 2009.

Esing, Christopher. "Pule Si Temple" in *A Global History of Architecture*. Ed. Francis D.K. Ching, Mark M. Jarzombek, and Vikramaditya Parkash. Hoboken, New Jersey: John Wiley & Sons, Inc. 2007.

Public History Work:

Scanned 2000 Photos and Negatives for the Lake City and Columbia County Chamber of Commerce. Summer 2019.

Scanned 4000 Photos and Images for the Lake City and Columbia County Historical Society. Summer 2019, Summer 2020, Winter 2020.

Scanned 350 Images for the Hawthorne Pioneer Family as the Olustee Festival Historian.

History Transcription Work:

Interview by Dr. Antonio Thompson with Jim Styles Tape 1 transcribed March 2020

Interview by Dr. Antonio Thompson with Jim Styles Tape 2 transcribed March 2020

Interview by Dr. Antonio Thompson with Jim Styles Tape 3 transcribed March 2020

Interview by Dr. Antonio Thompson with Barbara Wilber transcribed March 2020

Interview by Dr. Antonio Thompson with Ginger Purden transcribed March 2020

Interview by Dr. Antonio Thompson with Munroe McGhee transcribed March 2020

Interview by Dr. Antonio Thompson with Mary Jones Mitchell transcribed March 2020

Interview by Dr. Antonio Thompson with Barbara James transcribed April 2020

Interview by Dr. Antonio Thompson with Bill Columbia transcribed April 2020

Interview by Dr. Antonio Thompson with Horst Blumnnberg Tape1 transcribed April 2020

Interview by Dr. Antonio Thompson with Horst Blumnnberg Tape2 transcribed April 2020

Interview by Dr. Antonio Thompson with Horst Blumnnberg Tape3 transcribed April 2020

Interview by Dr. Antonio Thompson with Paul Mengelberg transcribed April 2020

Interview by Dr. Antonio Thompson with Dr. Willis McKee Tape1transcribed April 2020

Interview by Dr. Antonio Thompson with Dr. Willis McKee Tape2transcribed April 2020

Interview by Dr. Antonio Thompson with Dr. Willis McKee Tape3transcribed April 2020
Interview by Dr. Antonio Thompson with Golder Schmidt #1 transcribed April 2020
Interview by Dr. Antonio Thompson with Golder Schmidt #2 transcribed April 2020
Interview by Dr. Antonio Thompson with Golder Schmidt #3 transcribed April 2020
Interview by Dr. Antonio Thompson with William Stone Dale #1 transcribed April 2020
Interview by Dr. Antonio Thompson with William Stone Dale #2 transcribed April 2020
Interview by Dr. Antonio Thompson with William Stone Dale #3 transcribed April 2020
Interview by Dr. Antonio Thompson with Clyde Jackson transcribed April 2020
Interview by Dr. Antonio Thompson with Robert Reid #1 transcribed April 2020
Interview by Dr. Antonio Thompson with Robert Reid #2 transcribed April 2020
Interview by Dr. Antonio Thompson with James O'Rourke transcribed April 2020
Interview by Dr. Antonio Thompson with John McClure transcribed April 2020
Interview by Dr. Antonio Thompson with Michael Freeland transcribed April 2020
Interview by Dr. Antonio Thompson with Paul Mengelberg transcribed April 2020
Interview by Dr. Antonio Thompson with Mary Ellen Lilly transcribed April 2020
Interview by Dr. Antonio Thompson with Patricia Ellis transcribed April 2020
Interview by Dr. Antonio Thompson with Myron Pool transcribed April 2020
Interview by Dr. Antonio Thompson with Carlton Jackson transcribed April 2020
Interview by Dr. Antonio Thompson with Margaret Rudd transcribed April 2020
Interview by Dr. Antonio Thompson with Walter Mathis transcribed April 2020
Interview by Dr. Antonio Thompson with Junior Mathis transcribed April 2020
Interview by Dr. Antonio Thompson with Edgar Radford transcribed April 2020

Interviews:

Conducted and Transcribed 5 Hour Interview with Hawthorne Family Descendants including Rosalyn Miller, Virginia Miller Fettes, and Marilyn Miller Bishop, Charles Miller, and Alex Colson on July 8, 2020 at the home of Alex and Iris Colson. 17-page transcript.

Conducted and Transcribed 3 Hour Interview with P.D. Cason on the timber industry in North Central Florida on August 1, 2020. 12 pg. Transcript.

Conducted and Transcribed at 3 Hour Interview with Lake City Councilman Eugene Jefferson at the Columbia County Historical Museum. January 7, 2021.

Conducted and Transcribed 2 Hour Interview with Paulette Lorde, Columbia County, FL. marketing agent on March 12, 2021 at the Columbia County Historic Society. 5 page transcript.

Conducted and Transcribed 2 Hour Interview with Lelia Williams, Columbia County, FL. Historian on March 12, 2021 at the Columbia County Historic Society. 5 page transcript.

Awards/ Certificates/ Recognitions/ Positions:

Articles discussing the success and description of Founders Day. 1. Morgan McMullen. Families Honored During Founders Day Festival. 2. Morgan McMullen. "A Trip Through Time: Founders Day offers learning Opportunity." Lake City Reporter. November 22, 2021. 3. Jamie Wachter. "Bicentennial was a Grand Success." Lake City, Reporter. Tuesday, November 23, 2021. 4. County Commissioner Rocky Ford. "Founders Day Celebration was a Joy for All." Lake City, Reporter. Tuesday, November 23, 2021. Sue Tuell. "Thankful for Learning Columbia County's Past: An Open Letter to Dr. Chris Esing." Lake City, Reporter. Tues., November 23, 2021.

Articles by Reporter Editor featuring my work on organizing the Bicentennial Founders Day Festival: 1. Jamie Wachter. Founders Day Promises Fun and Learn. Lake City Reporter. Monday, November 15, 2021. 2. Jamie Wachter. "A Party 200 Years in the Making. Lake City Reporter. Thursday, November 18, 2021.

Article by Lake City Reporter on Parliamentary Procedure Debate, Mock Trial, and Youth Leadership banquet written by Tony Britt. "C.H.S., Belmont Students get a Taste of Bureaucracy, Government. Lake City Reporter. April 21, 2021.

Article on my local historical contributions and research written by Befaihtful Coker. "Make A Personal Connection to the Past" Lake City Reporter. Monday Feb. 1, 2021.

Certificate of Appreciation for Dedicated Service and Contributions to the Collection and Preservation of History. Awarded by Stephen M. Witt, Mayor of Lake City, FL. January 12, 2021

Dedication Forward by Andrew R. Nichols. *In Images of America. Lake City and Columbia County, FL.* Charleston, S.C.: Arcadia Publishing, 2020

Photo Contributions 2019-2020 to Andre R. Nicholas. *In Images of America. Lake City and Columbia County, FL.* Charleston, S.C.: Arcadia Publishing, 2020

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- #2. Lake Desoto Lake City, FL. 1894-1895. Pg. 10
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Member of the Lake City Elks Lodge Post No. 893. December 14, 2021.

Historian Blue-Grey Army- 2018/2019. Official Historian for the Blue-Grey Army.

Blue Grey Army. Certificate of Recognition for Outstanding Public Service. June 2019.

Sons of Confederate Veterans: Division of Florida. Certificate of Appreciation: In Appreciation for organizing and honoring Confederate Veterans of Columbia County, FL. 2018. Presented February 18, 2018. Harry Hurst, Inspector, Florida Division, S.C.V.

Key Note Speaker for the 150th Lake City Founding Writing Contest 2008

Florida Department of Education Temporary Educator's Certificate July 2007-June 2010

Course in Professional Ethics through E-School Solutions 2008

Four Year Member of U.F. Gator Marching Band

Kappa Kappa Psi-National Honor Fraternity for College Band

Selected as a Member of All Florida Academic Team for Colleges 1997

Resume Detailed

Employment:

August 2016-May 2022

Austin Peay State University
Department of History and Philosophy
Harned Hall, RM. 340
P.O. Box 4486
Clarksville, TN. 37044

Department Office:
(931) 221-7919

Title: Visiting Assistant Professor/ History Instructor

Job Description: Teaching a 5/5 U.S. History survey course load for Fall His 2010 American History to Civil War and Spring 2020 American History Since Civil War. The 2010 courses are what the university calls E sections, and they are designed for students who need enhanced reading. The classes include a reading lab that meets for two additional days to the lectures, which meet three days a week. The labs focus upon developing the students reading abilities in order to help strengthen their reading and writing abilities during their first year.

August 2010-2016

Allegro Press
1108 S.E. Race Track LN.
Lake City, FL. 32025

Head Office:
Proprietor died of Covid

Title: Manuscript/ Copy Editor and Administrative Assistant

Job Description: Read new manuscripts and suggested publication. If accepted, I followed through as the first copy editor overseeing spelling, grammatical, and linguistic changes. During my tenure, I also picked up many of the basics of being a layout editor. I used those skills to publish my own children's story while working at the company. I also helped in the daily operations of the press after the proprietor developed cancer.

July 2009-July2010

Research

Spent the year conducting research for my dissertation visiting over 15 archives in Florida and Washington, D.C. I collected non-digitized ephemera and documents spending three months gathering materials. I then spent 9 months working through the Inter Library Loan at the University of Kentucky.

August 2007-June 2009

South Lake High School
15600 Silver Eagle Rd.
Groveland, FL. 34736

Head Office
(352) 394-2100
www.lake.k12.fl.us/school-slh/

Title: World History Teacher

Job Description: Taught three classes of World History each semester. The classes covered World History from early human development to contemporary global issues. My class consisted of a combination of lecture and facilitation.

September 2006-June 2007

Midway College
Department of History
512 East Stephens Street
Midway, Kentucky 40347

Head Office:
(859) 846-4421
www.midway.edu

Title: Adjunct History Professor

Job Description: Taught modern and contemporary U.S. History at a branch campus in McKee, Kentucky.

August 2005 to August 2006

University of Kentucky
Department of History
1715 Patterson Office Tower
Lexington, KY 40506-0027

Head Office:
(859) 257-6861
Fax: (859) 323-3885

Title: Teaching Assistant

Job Description: Teaching three discussion sections each semester of the beginning sequence of American History. American History to and Since 1865.

August 2004 to May 2005

Department of Social Sciences
Indiana University Southeast
4201 Grant Line Road
New Albany, IN. 47105-9988.

Head Office:
(812) 941-2391
Fax: (812) 941-2591

Title: Adjunct History Professor

Job Description: Teaching the introductory sequence of American history survey courses. This included HIS 105 (U.S. History to 1865) and HIS 106 (U.S. History Since 1865).

February 2004 to August 2004

Foreign Affairs Office
Chengde Medical College
Cuiqiao Street
Chengde, 067000 Hebei Province
People's Republic of China

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Title: Oral English Instructor

Job Description: Taught Oral English to Eight Classes of English Nursing Majors. These courses were designed to help Chinese nursing students and faculty improve upon their listening, pronunciation, vocabulary, and sentence structure when speaking and writing English. Each lesson was broken into two sections with the first half of the class dedicated to their listening ability; while the second hour focused upon their oral communication skills. All classes were designed to prepare students and faculty for medical seminars.

August 2001 to May 2003:

University of Kentucky
Department of History
1715 Patterson Office Tower
Lexington, KY 40506-0027

Head Office:
(859) 257-6861
Fax: (859) 323-3885

Title: Teaching Assistant

Job Description:

Teaching three discussion sections each semester of the beginning sequence of American History. I.E. American History to 1865 and Since 1865.

February 2001 to July 2001:

Service Zone
1152 SW Business Point Dr.
Lake City Florida, 32025

Head Office:
(386) 754-8600

Title: Tech Representative.

Job Description: Worked as a phone computer technician for Dell computers. Took calls from Dell customers who were having computer difficulties. First had to diagnose the problem then had to describe over the phone the step by step procedure to help them fix their software or hardware. People skills and multitasking were essential to the performance of the job.

Educational Background

1993-1997, Columbia High School, Lake City, Florida, Graduated 1997, Diploma

1994-1997, Lake City Community College, Lake City, Florida, Graduated Spring 1997, A.A. Degree, GPA 3.75

1997-1999, University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida, Graduated Fall 1999, B.A. Degree, Major in History with Minor in English, GPA 3.92

1999, University of Cambridge, Cambridge, England. Carried 9 hrs. Victorian History and Literature, GPA 4.0

2001 to 2003, University of Kentucky, Lexington, Kentucky. Finished September 2003, M.A. Degree in History, GPA 3.5

2005 to 2014, University of Kentucky, Lexington, Kentucky. Finish March 2014. Ph.D. in History, GPA 3.7

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