

## CURRICULUM VITAE

**NAME:** Michael B. Chesson

**PLACE OF BIRTH:** Richmond, Virginia

**EDUCATION:** Harvard University Ph.D., history, 1978  
The Johns Hopkins University 1972-1973  
The College of William and Mary A.B., history, 1969

### HONORS AND GRANTS: (partial)

Founders Award, 2002, The Confederate Memorial Literary Society, “for outstanding scholarship on the period of the Confederate States of America”  
Louisiana Endowment for the Humanities, 1997  
Faculty Research Grant, and Joseph P. Healey Grant, University of Massachusetts–Boston, 1996  
College of Arts and Sciences Travel Grant, 1991  
Mellon Fellowship, Virginia Historical Society, summer 1989  
Ford Foundation Teaching Seminar, 1984-1985  
Jefferson Davis Award, 1981, The Confederate Memorial Literary Society, “for distinguished research and writing on the period of the Confederate States of America”  
Pulitzer Prize board nominee in history, 1981  
Traveling Fellowships from the Charles Warren Center, Harvard University, 1974-1975  
Harvard University GSAS Fellowship, 1973-1974  
Gilman Fellow, the Johns Hopkins University, 1972-1973  
Graduated College of William and Mary “with high honors in history”

### ACADEMIC CAREER:

Professor of History, 1996–  
Associate Professor, 1982–1996  
Assistant Professor, 1978–1982, University of Massachusetts–Boston  
Teaching Fellow, Harvard University, 1975–1978

### SERVICE: Department of History (partial)

Teaching American History, secondary school teacher seminars, 2002-04 (Boston), 2006 (Weymouth)  
Promotion Committee, 2005-06  
Chairman, 1996-98  
Executive Committee, 1980-81, 1985-87, 1988-92, 1995-98, 2001-05  
Personnel Committee, 1982-83, 1989-91, 1994-95, 2001-03  
Twentieth Century Americanist Search Committee, 2001-02  
Senior Americanist Search Committee, 1988-89  
Graduate Committee, 1980-81, 1983-84, 1995-98, 2005-06  
Curriculum Committee, 1979-80, 1981-82, 1983-85, 1987-88, 1992

Undergraduate Committee, 1998-99, 2000-01, 2004-05

### **College of Liberal Arts (partial)**

Chair, Admissions, Financial Aid, and Records Committee, 1998-99  
Senate, and Executive Committee, 1980-81; 1988-89; 1994-96  
Academic Affairs, 1986-88, 1995-96; Chair, spring 1996  
Advising, Counseling, and Support Services, fall 1992  
Faculty Staff Union Steering Committee, 1988-90  
Afro-American Search Committee, 1984-85

### **University (partial)**

Faculty Council, 1995-98, Acting Chair, summer 1996; Vice Chair, 1996-98  
Alternate faculty delegate, University of Massachusetts Board of Trustees, 1996-97  
Chair, Five Year Review, Library Dean, 1996  
Graduate Studies Committee, 1995-96, and Chair, spring 1996  
University Speakers Bureau, 1984-88; 1996--  
Affirmative Action Hearing Board, 1982-85  
Harry S Truman Fellowship Board, 1981-85  
University Assembly, 1981-83  
John F. Kennedy Fellowship Board, 1982  
Testimony before Massachusetts Senate Ways and Means Committee, 1981

### **Professional: Reading and Consulting (partial)**

Massachusetts School of Law, 2005–06, undergraduate curriculum development  
University of Alabama Press, 1997-99, 2005, three book manuscripts  
*Journal of Southern History*, 1997, 2005, article manuscripts  
The Blue and Gray Education Society, 2003-2005  
Judge for Jefferson Davis Award, Museum of the Confederacy, 2004-06  
Arnold & Porter LLP, 2004-05  
Longman Publishers, 2002, 2005, *This Terrible War* (textbook); prospectus for second text  
HarperCollins, children's books on American Revolution, Civil War, 2004  
Thomas B. Fordham Institute, content area expert on 49 state social studies standards, 2003  
Teaching American History in the Boston Public Schools, Civil War & Reconstruction, 2001–04  
Viking/Penguin, New York, 2001, book manuscript  
Northeastern University Press, Boston, 2001–02, two book manuscripts  
Core Knowledge Foundation, Charlottesville, Virginia, 2000–01, several textbooks  
University of Tennessee Press, 2000–02, two book manuscripts  
Routledge/Taylor & Francis Books, Ltd., 1999, book prospectus  
Kent State University Press, 1999, book manuscript  
Goodwin, Procter, LLP, Boston, 1999–2003  
Johnson, Tyler & Purvis, P.C., Washington, D.C., 1997–2004  
Shook, Hardy, and Bacon, 1997-2002  
*Journal of Urban History*, 1985, 1995, article manuscripts

University of Nebraska Press, 1994-95, several book manuscripts  
Virginia Historical Society, ongoing: NEH grant letters, academic programs, and many articles  
for the *Virginia Magazine of History and Biography*  
University of Maine Press, 1988-91; two book manuscripts  
Valentine Museum, Richmond, Va., 1988-89, exhibit, "Jim Crow in the New South"  
Judge, Baruch University Award, United Daughters of the Confederacy, 1988, book manuscript  
Membership Committee, Southern Historical Association, 1983-84, 1986-91, 1999-2000  
Confederate Memorial Literary Society: Founders Award, edited books, 1982-85; White House  
of the Confederacy restoration, 1984-85; "April 1865-April 1995" exhibit, 1994-95

#### **FIELDS OF SPECIALIZATION:**

The Civil War and Reconstruction  
Slavery and the Slave Trade  
Virginia and the South

#### **TEACHING: Undergraduate**

The Civil War and Reconstruction  
The Old South  
American Slavery  
American Urban History  
The Age of Jackson  
American History I and II  
America: National Unity and Local Diversity (freshman core)  
Research & Methods seminars: slavery, biography, the Civil War, Reconstruction, American  
violence, Civil War genealogy, Abraham Lincoln  
Honors Thesis Committees: Don Roberts, Sarah Cano, Monika Bolino, John Garraty, Keriann  
McLaughlin  
Student's published work: Deborah Shea, ed., "Spreading Terror and Devastation Wherever They  
Have Been: A Norfolk Woman's Account of the Southampton Slave Insurrection,"  
*Virginia Magazine of History and Biography* 95 (Jan. 1987): 65-74.

#### **Graduate**

Seminars on Research Methods, American Slavery, the Old South, the Secession Crisis, the Civil  
War, Fiction Fights the Civil War, Reconstruction, the New South, Southern Women,  
Biography, American Historiography; American Society and Political Culture, 1600-1865  
(doctoral program, American Studies)

M.A. Candidates: theses completed—Michael Duff (1992), Dana Comi (1995), John McGrath  
(1997); Daniel Read (2002); David Dixon, Kim Hebert (2003); Charles Mastrangelo  
(2004); in progress, Todd Mefford, Justin DeSorgher, Joe Farrell

M.A. thesis committees: Maureen Melton, Joyce Clements, Linda Genovese, Tom Jones,  
Katherine Pinkham, Ted Gallagher, Joseph Harzbecker, Chris O'Brien, Luess Sampson-  
Lizotte, Brendan McWilliams

## Other

“Richmond During the Civil War,” 1979; “When Brother Fought Brother,” 1981-85; elder hostel courses, Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond.  
“The Great American Civil War”; “Reconstruction: The Tragic Era?”; “The Old South”; “American Slavery”; “Abraham Lincoln: An American President”; “The Civil War in the East,” and “the Lincoln Assassination,” all *pro bono* for OLLI seminars, Gerontology Institute, UMB, spring 2001, fall 2001, and fall 2002, spring 2004, fall 2004, 2005, 2006

## MEMBERSHIPS: (partial)

American Historical Association  
Organization of American Historians (life member)  
Southern Historical Association (life member)  
Virginia Historical Society  
The Museum of the Confederacy  
The Blue and Gray Education Society  
Society of Civil War Historians  
Belmont Historical Society (life member)  
Fellow, Massachusetts Historical Society  
United States Naval Institute  
Naval War College Foundation (life member)  
Military Historical Society of Massachusetts (life member)  
Civil War Round Tables of Greater Boston, and Richmond

## PUBLICATIONS

**Books:** *Effective State Standards for U.S. History: A 2003 Report Card*, Sheldon M. Stern lead author (Washington: Thomas B. Fordham Institute, 2003).

*J. Franklin Dyer: The Journal of a Civil War Surgeon*, ed. (Lincoln: University of Nebraska Press, 2003).

*Exile in Richmond: The Confederate Diary of Henri Garidel, 1863-1865*, co-ed. with Leslie J. Roberts (Charlottesville: The University Press of Virginia, 2001).

*Richmond After the War, 1865-1890* (Richmond: Virginia State Library, 1981).

“A Chain of Weak Links: The Opening Campaigns,” contracted with the University of Nebraska Press for 2007, lead volume in the series, *Great Campaigns of the Civil War*.

## Articles:

“An Enthusiastic Endorsement,” afterword for C. A. Tripp, *The Intimate World of Abraham Lincoln* (New York: The Free Press, 2005), 238-47, 320-22.

“Prison Camps and Prisoners of War,” in *The American Civil War: A Handbook of Literature and Research*, ed. Steven E. Woodworth (New York: Greenwood, 1996): 466-478.

“The Selling of Clio: American History College Survey Textbooks,” *International Journal of Social Education* 2 (winter 1987-88): 78-140.

“Harlots or Heroines?: A New Look at the Richmond Bread Riot,” *Virginia Magazine of History and Biography* 92 (April 1984): 131-175 (reprinted three times).

“Richmond’s Black Councilmen, 1871-1896,” in *Southern Black Leaders of the Reconstruction Era*, ed. Howard N. Rabinowitz (Urbana: University of Illinois Press, 1982), 191-222 (reprinted twice).

“‘Editors Indulging in Double-leaded Matter’: The Shootout at the Capitol in 1866,” *Virginia Cavalcade* 30 (winter 1981): 100-109.

### **Encyclopedia and Dictionary Articles**

*American National Biography*, ed. John A. Garraty (N.Y.: Oxford University Press, 1999), Judah P. Benjamin, Clement C. Clay, Jr., Linton Stephens, Robert A. Toombs, Henry A. Wise.

*Dictionary of Virginia Biography*, vol. 1, eds. Sandra G. Treadway *et al.* (Richmond: Library of Virginia, 1998), John Henry Adams, Joseph Allen, and Edinboro Archer, black Richmond councilmen after Reconstruction; David J. Burr, founder of the city’s Chamber of Commerce, vol. 2 (2001); and carpetbagger mayor George Chahoon, and black councilman Josiah Crump, vol. 3 (2006).

*Dictionary of Afro-American Slavery*, eds. Randall M. Miller and John David Smith (N.Y.: Greenwood Press, 1988), “Slavery in Richmond”; reprint paper ed., 1997.

*The Encyclopedia of the Confederacy*, ed. Richard N. Current (N.Y.: Simon and Schuster, 1993), “Bread Riots” (1:212-13) and “Richmond, Virginia” (3:1329-1333); reprinted in *The Confederacy* (N.Y.: Macmillan, 1993), 73-75, 502-05.

### **Book Reviews:**

Over fifty in *Alabama Review*, *American Historical Review*, *Arkansas Historical Quarterly*, *Civil War History*, *Georgia Historical Quarterly*, *The Historian*, *H-Net Reviews (H-Civil War, H-Politics, H-Survey)*, *Journal of American History*, *Journal of the History of the Behavioral Sciences*, *Journal of Interdisciplinary History*, *Journal of Southern History*, *Journal of Southwest Georgia History*, *Maryland Historical Magazine*, *Military History of the West*, *Naval War College Review*, *North Carolina Historical Review*, *Reprint Bulletin-Book Reviews*, *Society of Civil War Historians Newsletter*, *The Textbook Letter*, *Virginia Magazine of History and Biography*

Letter to the *New York Times*: "Slavery Denied Legal Marriage to Blacks," 9 April 1995, on front page story, "Bringing Slavery's Long Shadow to the Light," 2 April 1995

**PAPERS: Academic (partial)**

"The Bay State Goes to War: Massachusetts, 1861-1862," for The North in the Civil War Symposium, October 2005, Blue and Gray Educational Society and the Massachusetts School of Law at Andover.

"The Intimate Lincoln," for *Lincoln in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*, opening ceremonies for the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum and Library, Springfield, Illinois, 17 April 2005.

"Garibaldi and the American Civil War: the 39<sup>th</sup> New York Volunteers, a Union Regiment"; and "The Civil War at Sea and Modern U.S. Naval Strategy," for The North in the Civil War Symposium, October 2004, Blue and Gray Educational Society and Massachusetts School of Law, Andover, Mass.

"On To Richmond!: The North Marches To Bull Run," The North in the Civil War Symposium, 11-12 October 2003, Blue and Gray Educational Society and Massachusetts School of Law, Andover, Mass.

University of Massachusetts Graduate Faculty Colloquium: Frazier's *Cold Mountain*, Sept. 2003

"Embattled Confederate Creole: Ordnance Clerk Henri Garidel in Richmond, 1863-1865", Mid-America Conference, Topeka, September 1996

"Corinna: An American Love Story," Southwestern Social Science Association," San Antonio, March 1991

"Virginia From 1861 to 1901: A Neglected Period," plenary session, New Directions in Virginia History, Virginia Historical Society, Richmond, October 1990

"A Band of Brothers: Black Leaders in Postwar Richmond," James Madison University Distinguished Visiting Scholar Lecture Series, Harrisonburg, Virginia, March 1983

"Richmond Jews and the Bread Riot of 1863: Myth and Reality," Southern Jewish Historical Society, Mobile, November 1981

"Black Leadership Patterns in Richmond, 1850-1890," Organization of American Historians, New Orleans, April 1979

"Richmond During Reconstruction," University of Richmond Seminar, October 1975

**General Audience (partial)**

"J. Franklin Dyer, A Maine Man and Massachusetts Surgeon in the Civil War," Civil War Round Table of Rhode Island, June 2006

“The First Bull Run Campaign,” Civil War Round Table of Coastal Georgia, March 2006

“Kentucky in the Civil War,” Lincoln Birthplace National Historic Site, Hodgenville, KY, October 2005

“Exile in Richmond: The Confederate Journal of Henri Garidel,” Civil War Round Table of Rhode Island, June 2005

“Dr. J. Franklin Dyer, Maine Man, Massachusetts Surgeon, Union Hero,” Civil War Round Table of Coastal Georgia, February 2005; Boston Public Library, April 2005.

“Henri Garidel: An Unhappy Ordnance Clerk in Confederate Richmond,” Olde Colony Civil War Roundtable, Dedham, Massachusetts, November 2004.

Panelist for “Editing Historical Documents,” Civil War Study Group, Boston Athenaeum, November 2004.

“Lincoln and Davis: A Comparison of the Two Civil War Presidents,” Civil War Round Table of Coastal Georgia, March 2003.

“The Civil War at Sea and Modern U.S. Naval Strategy,” Civil War Round Table of Coastal Georgia, May 2001; Civil War Round Table of Lexington, Kentucky, April 2002.

“Benjamin F. Butler: Soldier, Statesman, Man for All Seasons,” Civil War Round Table of Coastal Georgia, March 1999.

“The Civil War at Sea and Precursors to Current U.S. Naval Strategy,” The Wardroom Club of Boston, March 1999.

“Henri Garidel, Unhappy Confederate Creole,” Civil War Round Table of Coastal Georgia, March 1998.

“Massachusetts Generals Blue and Gray: Their Contributions to the Civil War,” Nichols House Association, Beacon Hill, Boston, December 1996.

“Henri Garidel, A Louisiana Creole in the Capital of the Confederacy,” Historic New Orleans Collection, March 1996.

“The Lost Cause Found: Richmond, 1865-1900,” Evening Lecture Series, The Museum of the Confederacy, Richmond, March 1995.

Panelist for “The Presidents,” The Monday Group, WGBH (Channel 2, PBS), February 1992.

“Richmond After the War,” annual banquet, Civil War Round Table of Greater Boston, September 1987.

“The Richmond Bread Riot,” Civil War Round Tables of Milwaukee, and Chicago, April 1987.

“And the World Did Not End: Richmond’s Black Councilmen, 1871-1898,” Annual Black History Month Address, Richard Bland College and Petersburg NBP, February 1986.

“A Virginian’s View of the Civil War,” Bethel Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy, Newport News, Virginia, annual meeting, June 1984.

“Lincoln and Holmes Under Fire, An Anecdote of the Civil War,” Sons of Union Veterans, Lincoln’s Birthday, State House, Boston, February 1984.

“The Civil War in Virginia,” Holt Camp, Sons of Confederate Veterans, Woburn, Massachusetts, December 1983.

“The Richmond Bread Riot,” Sons of Confederate Veterans, Woburn, November 1982.

“Richmond During the War,” Civil War Round Table, Richmond, June 1982.

“Garibaldi and the Civil War,” Garibaldi Centenario, Boston Public Library, May 1982.

“Richmond, Old City of the New South,” Museum of the Confederacy Evening Lecture Series, January 1982.

#### **SESSIONS: Commentator**

“The Confederate City in the Crucible of Ethnicity and Class: The Case of Richmond, Virginia, 1861-1865,” Virginia’s Civil War and Aftermath, The Douglas Southall Freeman History Conference, University of Richmond and Virginia Historical Society, February 2002.

“Manufacturing in 19th Century Virginia Cities: The Danville and Richmond Experiences,” Southern Historical Association, Norfolk, November 1988.

“Post-Revisionist Views of Reconstruction,” The Citadel, Charleston, April 1985.

“Atlanta: The City, The Suburbs, and the Issue of Race,” The Citadel Conference on the South, Charleston, April 1981.

#### **NON-ACADEMIC POSITIONS:**

Vestry, All Saints’ Church, 2001-2004; usher, adult education, Parish of the Epiphany, 2004–  
United States Naval Reserve, 1969–2005; Captain (Ret.)  
Seasonal Park Ranger-Historian, Colonial NHP, National Park Service, 1969-70, 1972-73

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Club: The Wardroom Club (Boston)

LISTINGS: *AHA Directory of History Departments and Organizations, 2006-2007*  
*Who's Who in America, 2006-2007; Who's Who in the World, 2006*