

## INTERCOUNTRY LECTURESHIP QUESTIONNAIRE 2009

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### GERMAN HOST INSTITUTION

John F. Kennedy Institute for North American Studies, Freie Universität Berlin

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### ACADEMIC DISCIPLINE

American History (American South, Arkansas, Civil War, Early Republic, and Rural Culture)

### AREAS OF RESEARCH

Antebellum Yeomen Farmers; The Old South; Slavery

### POSSIBLE LECTURE TOPICS

"Courtship and Matrimony in the Old South: The Limitations Of Color, Community, And Class"

"Five Common Misconceptions About Slavery Among Contemporary Americans"

[A variety of lecture topics on the American South are possible, depending on institution's needs.]

### ACADEMIC TRAINING AND DEGREES

Ph.D., American History, University of Memphis

M.A., B.A., History, Abilene Christian University (Texas)

### PREVIOUS POSITIONS

Instructor of History, University of Memphis

Department of Education, Mississippi River Museum, Memphis, Tennessee

### PUBLICATIONS (selected)

"Yeowomen: The Life and Labor of Antebellum Female Plainfolk," in *Tennessee Women: Their Lives, Their Times*, eds. Beverly Bond & Sarah Wilkerson-Freeman, (University of Georgia Press, forthcoming in 2010).

"Anything That Would Pay: Yeomen Farmers and the Nascent Market Economy on the Antebellum Plantation Frontier," in *The Transformations of Southern Society: 1790-1860*, eds. Susanna Delfino, Michele Gillespie, and Louis Kyriakoudes (Columbia: University of Missouri Press, forthcoming in 2009).

"In and Out of the Chickasaw Cession: Understanding Migrational Pressure and Economic Transition on Tennessee's Final Frontier, 1818-1860," *Tennessee Historical Quarterly* 65 (Summer, 2006): 106-129.

"Slave Life in Rural West Tennessee," in *Trial and Triumph: Readings in Tennessee's African American History*, ed. Carroll Van West (Knoxville: University of Tennessee Press, 2002), 96-112.

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