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Kollin E. Fields

POSITIONS

- 2022-present **Greenville University**
Assistant Professor of History (2022-present)
Director, History Program (2025-present)
Director, University Honors Program (2022-present)
- 2017-2022 **Collin College/East Texas A&M University**
Adjunct Professor of History (2017-2022)
- 2018-2022 **University of Texas-Dallas**
Teaching Assistant (2018-2022)
- 2013-2018 **Boles High School/Robinson High School**
Dual Enrollment Instructor (2017-2018)
High School Teacher (2013-2017)

EDUCATION

- Ph.D., History of Ideas, University of Texas-Dallas, diss. adv. Daniel Wickberg, 2023
Diss: *"A Threat to Democracy": Anti-Democratic Thought in America Since the Civil War*
- M.A., History, Sam Houston State University, 2017
- B.A., Sec. Ed.-Social Studies; Guy Newman Honors Academy, Howard Payne University 2013

AREAS

- Specialization:** modern U.S., American intellectual history, political thought
- Competence:** African-American history, historiography, American film and television
- Special research interests:** democracy and antidemocracy, American anarchism

TEACHING

American Government
Contemporary America
Historiography
History of Political Thought
History of Slavery in the U.S.
History Teaching Methods
Introduction to Liberal Arts (Honors)
Long Civil Rights Movement
Major Issues in Philosophy
New Student Seminar
The Gilded Age and Progressive Era
U.S. History to 1877
U.S. History since 1877
World Regional Geography

WRITING

Book

- (1) (Proposal in progress) *“Empire of the Majority”: An Intellectual History of American Anti-Democratic Thought Since 1865.*

Book Chapter

- (1) “Anarchism in the Gilded Age,” contributor to Chapter 16: “Capital and Labor,” in *The American Yawp: A Massively Collaborative Open U.S. History Textbook*, vol. II: since 1877, 2nd ed., eds. Joseph Locke and Ben Wright (Stanford, CA: Stanford University Press, forthcoming).

Journal Articles and Book Reviews

- (7) (Research article in progress) “American Anarchism(s): A Comparative Approach”
- (6) Review of N.T. Wright and Michael F. Bird, *Jesus and the Powers: Christian Political Witness in an Age of Totalitarian Terror and Dysfunctional Democracies*, *Christian Scholars Review* 54:2 (2025): 89-93.

- (5) Review of Daniel Wickberg, *A History of American Thought, 1860-2000: Thinking the Modern*, Society for U.S. Intellectual History Blog, Oct. 6, 2025.
- (4) "Law, Liberty, and Anarchism in the Progressive Era," Review of Michael Willrich, *American Anarchy: The Epic Struggle between Immigrant Radicals and the US Government at the Dawn of the Twentieth Century*, *Journal of the Gilded Age and Progressive Era* 22 (2023): 533-535.
- (3) "Cultural Libertarianism and the Judeo-Christian Tradition in Murray Rothbard, Bob Dylan, and Woody Allen," *The Christian Libertarian Review*, vol. 3. (2020): 19-58.
- (2) Review of Jason Brennan, *Against Democracy*, Ludwig von Mises Institute, Dec. 26, 2019.
- (1) Review of Gerard Casey, *Freedom's Progress?: A History of Political Thought*, Ludwig von Mises Institute, Aug. 27, 2018.

Digital Publications

- (7) Kollin Fields and Nick Christ, ["A Place to Live with Books: Ruby E. Dare and the Greenville College Library,"](#) NetVUE Institutional Saga Grant: History of Women in Leadership (2025).
- (6) Kollin Fields and Stephanie Kamp, ["Ruby E. Dare: A Librarian's Commitment to Character and Service,"](#) NetVUE Institutional Saga Grant: History of Women in Leadership (2025).
- (5) ["American Government Mock Election Puts Politics Into Practice at GU,"](#) Campus News Blog, Greenville University (2024).
- (4) ["Reading Red Emma: A Critique of Liberal Democracy in America,"](#) Society for Historians of the Gilded Age and Progressive Era Blog (2022).
- (3) ["Walter Lippmann and the Roots of Twenty-First Century Progressivism,"](#) Libertarianism.org, the Cato Institute (2021).
- (2) ["William Graham Sumner on Republican Governments,"](#) Libertarianism.org, the Cato Institute (2020).

- (1) [“State Parks of Texas,”](#) *East Texas History*, a digital history project by Sam Houston State University (2015).

PRESENTATIONS

Society for Historians of the Gilded age and Progressive Era Annual Conference, Chicago, Illinois (June 2026)

“American Anarchism(s): A Comparative Approach”

Common Day of Scholarship, Greenville, Illinois (April 2026)

“Oral Histories of Contemporary America” (with students from HIST 330: Contemporary America)

Illinois Council for the Social Studies Conference, Charleston, Illinois (April 2025)

“Designing Effective University Curriculum for Social Studies Education Majors” (with Adam Hill)

NetVUE Institutional Saga Grant Report, Greenville University, Greenville, Illinois (May 2024)

“Ruby E. Dare: The Good Steward”

Moderator, McAllaster Honors Lecture, Greenville University, Greenville, Illinois (April 2024)

“Christian Culture in an Age of Anxiety”

Center for Dewey Studies, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, Illinois (March 2024)

“War, Education, and Democracy: The Competing Views of John Dewey and Albert Jay Nock”

Policy History Conference, Columbus, Ohio (June 2023)

“Rand, Rothbard, and Libertarian Attitudes Toward Democracy”

Faculty Respondent, McAllaster Honors Lecture delivered by Dr. Kent Dunnington, Greenville University, Greenville, Illinois (March 2023)

“State Colleges and Church Universities”

University of Texas-Dallas, Richardson, Texas (April 2022)

“Manifest Destiny”

Collin College, Frisco, Texas (January 2022)

“Against Memorization: Teaching Concepts and Skills in the Humanities”

Society for U.S. Intellectual History Conference, Nashville, Tennessee (October 2021)

“‘A Threat to Our Democracy’: Anti-Democratic Thought in America Since the Civil War”

University of Texas-Dallas, Richardson, Texas (November 2021)

“Framing the Anti-Democratic Tradition in American Thought”

R.A.W. Graduate Conference, University of Texas-Dallas, Richardson, Texas (March 2021)

“Jefferson was Wrong: There are No Natural Rights”

R.A.W. Graduate Conference, University of Texas-Dallas, Richardson, Texas (February 2020)

“How Property Rights Solve the Problem of Confederate Monuments”

Texas A&M History Conference, Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas (April 2019)

“Insane Tongues of War Talk: Bob Dylan and the 1960s Antiwar Movement”

Libertarian Scholars Conference, The King’s College, New York, New York (October 2018)

“Jewish Anarchism in Modern America: The Lives and Politics of Bob Dylan, Murray Rothbard, and Woody Allen”

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Director, University Honors Program, Greenville University (2022-present)

Director, History Program, Greenville University (2025-present)

Academic Advisor, History Program, Greenville University (2022-present)

Member, General Education Committee, Greenville University (2025-present)

Member, Committee on Teacher Education, Greenville University (2022-present)

Member, Faculty Learning Community: “The Liberal Arts,” Greenville Univ. (2025-present)

Co-Chair, Higher Learning Commission Reaccreditation Committee: Criterion 1 (2025-present)

External Reviewer, Blackburn College History Program Review (2025)

Panelist, “Career and Calling,” Greenville University (2025)

Chair, Undergraduate Humanities Conference, Greenville University (2024)

Member, Pathways to Purpose Grant Team (CIC), Greenville University (2024-2025)

Member, Undergraduate Academic Affairs Committee, Greenville University (2023-2025)

Member, NetVUE Institutional Saga Grant Team (CIC), Greenville University (2022-2024)

Member, Core Objective Assessment Team, Collin College (2021)

Faculty Representative, New Student Orientation, Collin College (2021)

Member, Alumni Association Board of Directors, Howard Payne University (2015-2018)

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS AND AWARDS

Member, *Society for US Intellectual History*; *American Historical Association*; *Society for Historians of the Gilded Age and Progressive Era*

Honorable Mention: “Best Dissertation Award”: ‘*A Threat to Democracy: Anti-Democratic*

Thought in America Since the Civil War, Bass School of Arts, Humanities, and Technology, University of Texas-Dallas (2023)

Teaching Assistantship, *School of Arts & Humanities*, University of Texas-Dallas (2018 - 2022).

Graduate Travel Award, *School of Arts & Humanities*, University of Texas-Dallas (Spring 2019).