



# Michael P. Keaton

Associate Professor of History  
Southern Wesleyan University

## Education

### **PhD: Humanities (Philosophy) with a History concentration**

Faulkner University, Montgomery, AL

Graduated: December, 2020 with GPA of 4.0

Dissertation: "Philosophy and Consequences: John Locke and the Political Development of South Carolina"

Defended: October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020; Dr. Jason Jewell (Chair), Dr. Tom Lindsay, Dr. Mark Linville, and Dr. Aaron Coleman

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### **Completed 18 PhD-level credit hours – Policy Studies (Political Science)**

Clemson University, Clemson, SC - 2013

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### **Master's Degree: M.A. in History**

Clemson University, Clemson, SC

Graduated: 2002 with GPA of 4.0

Thesis: "King of the Moonshiners: Lewis R. Redmond and the Making of a Folk Hero"

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### **Bachelor's Degree: B.A. in History**

### **Bachelor's Degree: B.S. in Business Administration**

Southern Wesleyan University, Central, SC

Graduated: 1993 as Salutatorian, Summa cum Laude, with GPA of 3.798

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### **Associates Degree: A.S. in Management**

Tri-County Technical College, Pendleton, SC

Graduated: 1989 with Honors, GPA of 3.97

## Contact

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## Interests

Political Philosophy

20th Century  
Military History

South Carolina  
History

U.S. Constitution



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## Teaching Experience

### Classes Taught

American History I  
American History II  
Survey of American History  
Western Civilization I  
Western Civilization II  
Survey of Western Civilization  
Ancient History  
Medieval History  
Contemporary Europe  
History of the South  
History of South Carolina  
U.S. Constitution  
World War II  
Military History  
Warfare in the Age of Industry  
America in a Changing World  
American Cultural History  
Introduction to Public Policy  
Latin American History  
American Religious History  
History Seminar  
Readings in History  
Historical Geography  
Economic Geography  
Methods of Teaching Social Studies  
Freshman Seminar  
Honors Freshman Seminar  
Personal Wholeness I  
Personal Wholeness II  
Foundations for Success  
College and the Working Adult  
Tools and Techniques of Self-Management

**2015 - Present: Associate Professor of History**  
Southern Wesleyan University, Central, SC

**2008 - 2015: Instructor / Assistant Professor of History**  
Southern Wesleyan University, Central, SC

**2002 - 2008: Adjunct Professor of History**  
Southern Wesleyan University, Central, SC

**2006 - 2008: Middle and High School Teacher - (also Vice Principal - 2006-2007)**  
Providence Christian Academy, Six Mile, SC  
- Taught 6<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grade; History classes (American and World), Bible classes, and Math classes. Served one year as Vice-Principal.

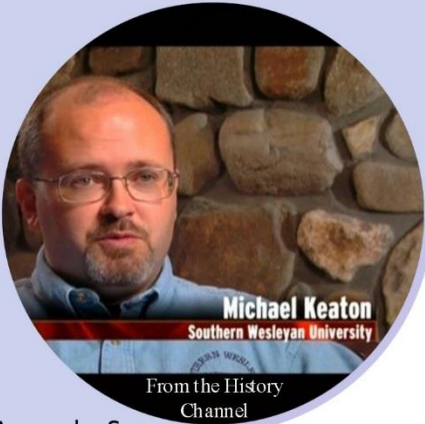
**2004: Adjunct Professor of History**  
Erskine College, Due West, SC  
- All duties associated with teaching traditional college students.

**2002 - 2003: Middle and High School Teacher**  
Providence Christian Academy, Six Mile, SC  
- Taught 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, and 10<sup>th</sup> grade; Bible classes, Science class; Also served as Administrator for grades 7 and above.

**2000 - 2002: Teaching Assistant**  
Clemson University History Department, Clemson, SC

**1999 - 2000: Middle and High School Teacher**  
Oconee Christian Academy, Seneca, SC  
- Taught 7<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grade; History class, Bible class, Geography class, Computer class, and Math class; coached Girls' JV basketball





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## Publications, Presentations, and Appearances

### Awards & Memberships

#### Teaching Assistantship

Clemson University  
History Department,  
2000 - 2002

#### Phi Alpha Theta

National History  
Honor Society

#### Alpha Chi

National Honor  
Society

#### Alpha Zeta Beta chapter of Phi Theta Kappa

National Honor  
Society

#### Dean's List

All undergraduate  
semesters

#### National Dean's List

1988 and 1989

#### Who's Who

1992

#### Junior Class Marshal

1992 - Southern  
Wesleyan University

#### Senior Class Salutatorian

1993 - Southern  
Wesleyan University

- "Fairies at War: *The Fall of Gondolin* as the Cornerstone of Middle-earth." *Tolkien Studies* 17 (2020), 25-49.
- Authored a chapter in *Where Have All Our Moonshiners Gone*, Seneca, SC: Published by Jerry Alexander, 2006.
- Featured Expert: **History Channel's** *Hillbilly: The Real Story* (2007). Produced by Moore-Huntley Productions
- Featured Expert: **PBS** documentary *The Outlaw Lewis Redmond* (winner of the Bill Arnold NC Film Award - 2008 Carolina Film & Video Festival). Produced by Sucker Punch Pictures
- Authored seven devotionals for *Light From The Word*, the devotional book of The Wesleyan Church (Sept. - Nov., 2007)
- Authored *All Hail The Emperor*, a science fiction novel published in 2000 (available at amazon.com).
- Presented paper - "*The Strike of 1934: The Honea Path, SC Incident*"  
Honor Seminar of the Clemson University chapter of Phi Alpha Theta, April, 2002, Holtzendorf Hall, Clemson University, Clemson, SC.
- Presented paper - "TV Time: A History of Televised Time Travel"  
Panel: *Constants, Variables, and Lost* at the annual conference of the *Popular and American Culture Associations of the South*, October, 2009, Wilmington, NC, and at Southern Wesleyan University's Faculty Colloquium, September 18, 2009, Central, SC.
- Presented paper - "Einstein as CEO: What Theoretical Physics Can Teach Us About Organizational Theory."  
"Management Potpourri" session at the annual conference of the *South-East Institute for Operations Research and Management Sciences* (SEINFORMS), September, 2014, Myrtle Beach, SC.



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## Featured Speaker

### Course Creation

#### **Designed curriculum modules**

AGS version of  
*Survey of World  
Civilization, College  
and the Working  
Adult* seminar, and  
*History of the South  
to Reconstruction*.

#### **Created Hybrid and Online Courses**

AGS and fully online  
for SWU

#### **Converted Existing Hybrid courses to fully Online versions SWU Online**

#### **Created a number of Independent Study Courses**

SWU upper-level  
History courses

#### **Perfomed a major re-design of Personal Wholeness I**

SWU's Freshman  
Seminar course

#### *Lewis R. Redmond: King of the Moonshiners*

- Monthly Meeting of the Clemson Association for Women Professionals, Clemson, SC. January, 2009.

- Tamassee DAR's 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration, Tamassee, SC. January, 2009.

- Transylvania County Historical Society, Brevard, NC. October, 2012.

- The Pendleton District Historical Association, Central, SC. March, 2013.

- The Transylvania Heritage Museum, Brevard, NC. July, 2015.

#### *The Cold War*

- Tri-County Home Educators, Walhalla, SC. May, 2012

#### *The World Wars*

- Tri-County Home Educators, Walhalla, SC. March 2013.

#### *A Brief History of Islam*

- Trinity Wesleyan Small Groups, May 5, 2014

#### *How to Annoy Your Professors*

- Oconee Christian Academy (Senior class), May of 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, and 2020 (virtual).

## Faculty Development Experiences

- Attended all traditional Faculty Workshops as well as numerous in-person training seminars at Southern Wesleyan University.

- Completed Active Shooter Training (November, 2018), Title IX/Sexual Assault Prevention training (April, 2017), Foundations for Success Instructor Workshop (August, 2016), "eSWU" online training course

- Attended all training seminars in my years at Providence Christian Academy.



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## Other Activities

### Other

**Member:**  
American  
Historical  
Association

**References:**  
Available  
upon  
Request

**Hobbies:**  
Guitar  
Ukulele  
Piano  
Reading  
Photography

**Assistant Coach - Men's Varsity Basketball Team**

- United Christian Academy, 1992

**Head Coach - Girl's JV Basketball Team**

- Oconee Christian Academy, 1997

**Assistant Coach - Men and Women's Cross Country**

- Southern Wesleyan University, 1997-98 and 1998-99

**Judge, the South Carolina DAR History Essay Contest**

- (5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grades), Spring, 2010

**Alpha Chi Honor Society, Assistant Sponsor**

Southern Wesleyan University, 2011 - 2013

**Alpha Chi Honor Society, Sponsor**

Southern Wesleyan University. 2013 - present

**Served on six Honors Project committees**

**Chaired two Honors Project committees**

**Class Sponsor, Class of 2012**

Southern Wesleyan University, 2008 - 2012

**Served on various faculty committees**

Southern Wesleyan University