

## LYNN RAINVILLE

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### Education

- 2001 Ph.D. in Anthropology and Archaeology, University of Michigan  
1996 M.A. in Anthropology and Archaeology, University of Michigan  
1993 B.A. in Anthropology and History, Dartmouth College (*Magna cum Laude; Phi Beta Kappa*)

### Positions at Sweet Briar College

- 2019 Community Initiatives Fellow, Institute for Advanced Technology in the Humanities, (IATH) University of Virginia  
2018-2019 Dean of the College  
2018 Acting Dean (February – June)  
2018 Associate Dean of Academic Affairs (January)  
2008-2017 Research Professor in the Humanities  
2008-present Director, Tusculum Institute for Virginia History & Historic Preservation  
2001-08 Visiting Assistant Professor, Anthropology Department

### Other Positions

- 2016-2017 Fellow, Virginia Foundation for the Humanities, Charlottesville  
2012-2015 Adjunct Faculty, UVA School Continuing & Professional Studies  
2008-2010 Visiting Research Fellow, University of Virginia  
2001-2002 Visiting Lecturer, University of Virginia  
1999-2000 Visiting Lecturer, Dartmouth College  
1998 Lecturer, University of Michigan

### Project Director

- Director, Survey Town Poor Farms in Virginia: 2018-present
- Director, Preserve Slave Graveyards in Virginia: 2018-present
- Director, Study of World War I Memorials in Virginia: 2013-2018
- Director, Archaeo-Historic Study of an Antebellum Plantation (Sweet Briar, VA): 2002-2015
- Director, Survey of African-American Cemeteries in Virginia: 2002-2014
- Assistant Director, Ziyaret Tepe Archaeological Project (Turkey): 2003-2008

### Other Professional Experience

- 2018+ Member, Va. General Assembly's African American Cultural Resources Task Force  
2017+ Treasurer, Virginia History Forum, LLC  
2016-7 Professor, on-line courses through John Tyler Community College's Arts Program  
2015-6 Curator, "Pride Overcomes Prejudice," with Dr. Andrea Douglas, Jefferson School African American Heritage Center.  
2014-8 Member, of both the National and Virginian WWI Centennial Commissions  
2014 Professor, on-line courses through UNC's Learn N.C. program, titled "WWI Memorials"  
2014 Curator, "Roots, Remembrance, and Restoration," with Dr. Laurant Lee, Sweet Briar College Slave Cabin Installation. With funding support from the VFH  
2012 Consultant, Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission to study micro-archaeological samples from the 19th-century Josiah Henderson site

- 2012-6 Advisor, National Database of Enslaved Americans
- 2012-5 Project manager for an NEH Collaborative Research grant, "Unlocking the Social Logic of Past Politics," surveying voting records and two 19th-century cities (\$300,000)
- 2010 Research historian, Virginia Foundation for the Humanities. Hired to review 500+ entries in their on-line African American Sites database (<http://www.aaheritageva.org>)
- 2009 Curator, Rosenwald School Exhibit in Rappahannock County, Virginia (Scrabble School)
- 2008+ Founding Director of the Tusculum Institute at Sweet Briar College ([tusculum.sbc.edu](http://tusculum.sbc.edu))
- 2008 Research Fellow, Virginia Center for Digital History, University of Virginia
- 2007 Curator, in collaboration with Virginian Tribes, "Family Portraits: Virginian Indians at the Turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century," historic photographs of everyday life, c. 1880-1920
- 2007-8 National Lecturer, Archaeological Institute of America (and again in 2016)
- 2005-12 Board of Directors, Albemarle County Historical Society
- 2005-6 National Mellink Lecturer, Archaeological Institute of America
- 2003-5 Board of Directors, Preservation Piedmont (local historic preservation group)
- 2002-7 Visiting Scholar, Carter G. Woodson Institute for African-American and African Studies, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Virginia
- 2002-4 Mentor, Faculty Mentoring Program for undergraduate students of color, Sponsored by Office of African-American Affairs, University of Virginia
- 2000 co-Organizer and Chair, "Households in Community Context: New Approaches." Invited Session at the American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting.
- 2000-1 Visiting Scholar, Dartmouth College, Hanover, New Hampshire
- 1998-9 Curatorial Research Assistant, Old World Archaeological Division, Univ. Michigan
- 1993 Town Archivist, Hanover, New Hampshire
- 1992 Curatorial Intern, Museum of American History, Smithsonian Institution
- 1990-3 Archival Assistant, Dartmouth College Archives. Hanover, New Hampshire
- 1988-9 Archivist, Evanston Historic Society, Evanston, Illinois

### **Awards and Fellowships**

- 2018 **Virginia Center for the Creative Arts**, Writers Residency, 2 weeks in February
- 2017 **Virginia Foundation for the Humanities** Residential Fellow to finish a Slavery Book
- 2016 **Virginia Foundation for the Humanities** Residential Fellow to finish a WWI Book
- 2016 **Mellon Grant**, Virginia Historical Society, to study their WWI collections, April (\$500)
- 2016 **Virginia Center for the Creative Arts**, Writers Residency, 2 weeks in February/March
- 2015 **Virginia Foundation for the Humanities** to study WWI memorials in Virginia (\$7000)
- 2013 Team leader, "Teacher Scholars Program: Change over Time and Place in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery," **American Battle Memorial Commission** (\$281,000)
- 2013 **Deupree Family Foundation**, continued study of a slave cabin at Sweet Briar (\$2500)
- 2013 **National Trust for Historic Preservation**, to curate an exhibit at the SBC cabin (\$2500)
- 2012 **Deupree Family Foundation**, to study African American history at Sweet Briar (\$2250)
- 2012 **Virginia Foundation for the Humanities**, to research an historic Cabin on the Sweet Briar Plantation (\$4500)
- 2010 **National Endowment for the Humanities Digital Start-Up Grant**: to create a MySQL database for locating antebellum and postbellum African American Families (\$25,000)
- 2009 **Virginia Foundation for the Humanities**, to research Rosenwald Schools (historic, black segregated schools, c. 1917-1960s) (\$6000)
- 2008 **Preservation Piedmont**, seed grant to begin research into Rosenwald Schools (\$1000)
- 2007 **Virginia Foundation for the Humanities**, to curate an exhibition on historic Native American photographs and host a gallery talk given by tribal representatives (\$2500)
- 2006 Sweet Briar, Faculty Grant: to test Ground Penetrating Radar on the SBC Slave Cemetery
- 2006 Sweet Briar, Faculty Grant: travel to Ziyaret Tepe, southeastern Turkey

- 2005 **National Endowment for the Humanities Collaborative Research Grant:** to investigate historic African-American mortuary traditions in Central Virginia (\$100,000)
- 2005 Sweet Briar, Faculty Grant: to attend an Archaeology Symposium in Antalya, Turkey
- 2004 **National Endowment for the Humanities Grant:** to investigate a Late Assyrian urban landscape at Ziyaret Tepe, Turkey,” co-PI with Timothy Matney (\$200,000)
- 2004 **Curtiss & Mary Brennan Fellowship:** to investigate daily life in an ancient city (\$4000)
- 2004 **Virginia Foundation of Independent Colleges Grant:** Turkish Fieldwork (\$1600)
- 2004 Sweet Briar, Faculty Grant: to attend an Archaeology Symposium in Konya, Turkey
- 2004 **International Center for Jefferson Studies DAACS Fellow:** to model features on plantation landscapes in the Virginian Piedmont (1 month summer fellowship, \$1500)
- 2004 Sweet Briar, Faculty Grant (co-PI with Dr. Fink, Biology): to create a GIS database / map of archaeological sites and historic vegetation on the Sweet Briar Plantation
- 2003 **National Science Foundation CCLI Adaptation and Implementation grant:** to create an Archaeology Lab and improve curricular offerings in Archaeology at Sweet Briar (\$120,000)
- 2003 **Virginia Foundation for the Humanities:** to research and disseminate information on African American Landscapes and Deathscapes in Virginia (\$8800)
- 2003 **Wenner-Gren Individual Research Grant:** to research and write “A Micro-Archaeological Approach to Domestic Activities in Mesopotamian Households” (\$9500)
- 2003 Sweet Briar, Faculty Grant: to conduct interdisciplinary research - Sweet Briar Plantation
- 2003 Sweet Briar, Technology Grant: to improve site, “African American Heritage at Sweet Briar” (created by Rainville in 2002): [www.faculty.sbc.edu/lrainville/introAfAmH.html](http://www.faculty.sbc.edu/lrainville/introAfAmH.html)
- 2002 **Virginia Foundation for Humanities Discretionary Grant,** (with J. S. Handler): to research an Albemarle County Slave Cemetery in Whitehall, Virginia (\$3000)
- 2002 **Virginia Foundation for the Humanities African-American Grant:** to research the enslaved community on the Sweet Briar Plantation, c. 1810-1865 (\$4000)
- 2002 Sweet Briar, Technology Grant: to create a web-accessible cemetery database
- 2002 **ARIT Excavation Grant** (American Research Ctr in Turkey): Turkish fieldwork (\$4000)

## Publications

### Books

- In progress      *“The Destitute & forlorn, the Widow & the Orphan:” three centuries of poor relief in Virginia.*
- 2019 *Invisible Founders: How Two Centuries of African-American Labor Transformed a Plantation into a College.* Berghahn Press. Expected publication, June 2019.
- 2018 *Virginia and the Great War: Mobilization, Supply and Combat, 1915-1919.* McFarland Press.
- 2015 *Sweet Briar College.* Campus History Series, Arcadia Publishing. With Lisa N. Johnston.
- 2014 *Hidden History: African American Cemeteries in Virginia.* University of Virginia Press. For links to reviews: [amazon.com/author/lynnrainville](http://amazon.com/author/lynnrainville)
- 2005 *Investigating Upper Mesopotamian Households Using Micro-Archaeological Techniques.* BAR International Series, No. S1368. Oxford: Archaeopress. For links to reviews visit [www.lynnrainville.org](http://www.lynnrainville.org)

Articles / Book Chapters

- 2020 "Sacred Ground: How a Segregated Graveyard Preserves the Struggles and Successes of an African American Community in Virginia. To appear in *Southern Cemeteries, Imprints of Southern Culture*, edited by Kami Fletcher and Ashley Towle.
- 2018 Entries on "Cemeteries" and "Burial Practices and Funeral Customs" for the forthcoming *World of Jim Crow: Daily Life Encyclopedia*. Edited by Steven Reich. Greenwood Press.
- 2018 "Teaching and Learning from World War I Gravestones," *Association Gravestone Studies Newsletter*.
- 2018 "A Virginian Family's Experience During the Great War: the Holladays of Richmond," *Virginia Magazine of History and Biography*, vol. 126 (1): 22-43.
- 2016 "Memorials to the Fallen: World War I Monuments in Virginia," *Journal of American's Military Past*, vol. XLI (2): 51-62.
- 2015 "Learning from God's Acre: locating and protecting historic African American Cemeteries," *Journal of the Afro-American Historical Genealogical Society*, vol. 31 & 32: 18-30.
- 2015 "Memorials from the Great War: symbolism and meaning in gravestones and statues from WWI," *Markers*, vol. XXXI: 6-29.
- 2015 "A Living Memorial: the role and power of the Meuse-Argonne cemetery in honoring sacrifice and service." *Bringing the War Back Home*, an iBook for teachers.  
www.abmc.gov/sites/default/files/curriculum/chapters/A%20Living%20Memorial.pdf
- 2014 "Investigating Traces of Everyday Life in Ancient Households: some methodological considerations. Chapter 1 (1-28) in *Household Studies in Complex Societies*. Oriental Institute.
- 2014 "Six Degrees of Separation: Using Social Media and Digital Platforms to Enhance African American History Projects," in *Interpreting African American History and Culture at Museums & Historic Sites*. Rowan & Littlefield.
- 2012 "Household Matters: Techniques for Understanding Assyrian Houses." Chapter 6 in *New Perspectives on Household Archaeology*, Bradley Parker and Catherine Foster, eds., 139-64. Winona Lake, Indiana: Eisenbrauns.
- 2012 "Social Media Connections," *Voice*, Virginia Association for Museums Magazine, Summer 2012, pp. 5-6. Reprinted in the American Assn State & Local History newsletter.
- 2009 "Protecting our shared heritage in African-American cemeteries," *Journal of Field Archaeology*, vol. 34 (2): 195-206.
- 2009 "Home at Last: mortuary commemoration in Virginian slave cemeteries." *Markers: Annual Journal of the Association for Gravestone Studies*, vol. XXVI: 54-83.
- 2008 "Social Memory and Plantation Burial Grounds: a Virginian Example." *African Diaspora Archaeology Newsletter*, Spring 2008, 27 pages. Hosted on-line by the University of Illinois: www.diaspora.uiuc.edu/newsletter.html
- 2007 "Micro-Archaeology at Ziyaret," in "Excavations at Ziyaret Tepe, Turkey, 2006," by T. Matney, et al., *Anatolica* vol. 33: 39-43, 67-68.
- 2006 "Locating the 'People without History' in Histories of the Ancient Near East." *Reviews in Anthropology*, vol. 35: 1-22.
- 2005a "Eighth Preliminary Report on Excavations at Ziyaret Tepe, 2004 Season," *Kazi Sonuçlari Toplantisi*, vol. 27. Co-authored with T. Matney.
- 2005b "Archaeological Investigations at Ziyaret Tepe, 2003 and 2004," *Anatolica*, vol. 31: 20-68. Co-edited with T. Matney.
- 2004a "Seventh Preliminary Report on Excavations at Ziyaret Tepe, 2003 Season." *Kazi Sonuçlari Toplantisi*, vol. 26: 63-74. Co-authored with T. Matney.
- 2004b "African American History at the Sweet Briar Plantation," *Sweet Briar Alumnae Magazine Spring 2004*: 7-10.

- 2003a “Micro-Debris Analysis,” in “Excavations at Ziyaret Tepe, Turkey, 2002,” by T. Matney, et al., *Anatolica*, vol. 29: 194-197, 218.
- 2003b “Results from Micro-archaeology in 2001 and 2002,” in “Excavations at Tell Brak, 2001-2002,” by G. Emberling and H. McDonald. *Iraq*, vol. 64: 63-73.
- 2003c “An Investigation of an Enslaved Community and Slave Cemetery at Mt. Fair, in Brown’s Cove, Virginia.” *The Magazine of Albemarle County History*, vol. 61:1-26. Winner of the Annual 2003 Rawlings Prize (sponsored by the Historic Society).
- 2001 “Micro-Debris based functional analyses of Late EBA Houses,” in “Research at Titris Höyük in Southeastern Turkey,” by G. Algaze, et al., *Anatolica* 27: 30-33 and 86-87.
- 2000 “Microdebris Analysis in Bronze Age Mesopotamian Households,” *Antiquity* 74: 284.
- 1999 “Hanover Deathscapes: Mortuary Variability in New Hampshire Cemeteries, A.D. 1770-1920,” *Ethnohistory* 43 (3): 541-97.

#### Archaeological Site Reports

- 2003a *Archaeological Report on Excavations Conducted at the Booker T. Washington Site*. Prepared for the National Park Service.
- 2003b *Archaeological Report on Excavations Conducted at the Gaines Mill Site*. Prepared for the National Park Service.

#### **A Sample of Recent Presentations (2012-2018)**

- 2018 Panel Discussion about Slavery and American Universities. Organization of American Historians.
- 2018 Doing their Bit: Virginia’s Role in World War I. Historical Society of Western Virginia.
- 2018 Virginia and the Great War. Clarke County Historical Association.
- 2018 The Surprising Role of Virginians in World War I. VMI Leadership Conference (Lexington).
- 2018 Virginia in the Great War. Old Trail Community (Crozet, Virginia).
- 2018 [Doing their Bit: The Surprising Role of Virginia in World War I](#). Virginia Museum of History.
- 2018 Virginia in the Great War. Virginia Festival of the Book. Charlottesville.
- 2018 Remembering the Great War: The Home Front. Walkerton Tavern (Henrico County).
- 2018 The Surprising Role of Virginia in the Great War. Banner Lecture. Virginia Historical Society.
- 2018 Doing their Bit: the role of Virginia in the Great War. Amherst Museum & Historical Society.
- 2017 Remembering Rockbridge County’s Role in the Great War. Washington & Lee, Lexington.
- 2017 Washington County’s Role in WWI. Keynote speaker at annual meeting Washington Co. H.S.
- 2017 Keynote at an African American Cemetery Dedication, University of Virginia, Charlottesville.
- 2017 Invisible Founders: A Discussion with Descendants of the Enslaved Community. Universities Studying Slavery Symposium at the University of Virginia, Charlottesville.
- 2017 Enslaved Founders at a Virginian College. Georgetown University Slavery Symposium, D.C.
- 2017 Gravestone Genealogies: Mapping Family History in Virginian Cemeteries. AAHGS, Richmond.
- 2017 Will the Stones Whisper Their Names: Identifying African American Burial Sites. Louisa H.S.
- 2017 Virginia’s Role in WWI (teacher’s workshop). MacArthur Memorial, Norfolk.
- 2017 April 1917: Virginia Prepares for War. Official Virginian Centennial Event, Richmond Carillon
- 2017 Unconventional e-Research into Slavery at Sweet Briar. Virginia History Forum, Norfolk
- 2017 Protecting Historic African American Cemeteries. Louisa County Historical Society
- 2017 Invisible Founders: Two Centuries of African Americans at Sweet Briar. Va Foundn. Humanities
- 2017 Hidden Histories: keynote for the annual History United Conference, Chatham.
- 2016 Slavery at Sweet Briar, National Council on Public History, Baltimore
- 2016 Founding of Sweet Briar and its Racially Charged History, Society Historic Archaeology, D.C.
- 2016 World War I Efforts in Virginia, Virginia History Forum, Williamsburg, Virginia
- 2016 Cemetery Commemorations and Graveyard Ghosts, Assn. African American Life & History
- 2016 Reading Gravestones as Text: African American burial grounds, Southern Historical Association
- 2015 Researching WWI Veterans in Virginia, Family History Conference, Charlottesville
- 2015 Virginia’s Role in the Great War, Louisa County Historical Society
- 2015 Virginia’s Role in the Great War, Shenandoah Valley Regional History, JMU
- 2015 The Great War in the Classroom, Virginia Council on Social Studies, Newport News
- 2015 Memorializing the Dead in Virginia, Central Virginia History Researchers, Charlottesville

- 2015 Memorializing the Dead in Virginia, Virginia History Forum, Richmond
- 2015 Remembering the Dead, WWI Memorials in Virginia and France, AAUW, Lynchburg
- 2015 Teaching the Great War in the Digital Age, American Historical Association, New York City
- 2015 God's Acre: Protecting Historic African American Cemeteries, Simms School, Harrisonburg, Va.
- 2014 Forgotten History: a panel discussion on Riverview Farm and Cemetery, Charlottesville
- 2014 All History is Local. Virginia Festival of the Book presentation. Charlottesville, Va.
- 2013 Sacred Space: Burial Spaces of the Enslaved and Their Descendants, William & Mary
- 2013 A Study of Rosenwald Schools in Bath County, Virginia
- 2013 Invited conference participant, "Household Studies in Complex Societies: Micro-Archaeological and Textual Approaches," Oriental Institute of Chicago
- 2013 Mesopotamian Micro-Artifacts and Household Activities, Society of American Archaeology
- 2013 Using Digital Sources for Historic Research, Virginia Association Museums Conference
- 2013 Protecting African-American Cemeteries, Emancipation Proclamation Conf., Prince William Co.
- 2012 Creating a State-Wide Database. Rosenwald Schools Conference, Tuskegee, Alabama
- 2012 Tracking African-American Families, 1800-2000. Virginia History Forum, Harrisonburg, Va.
- 2012 Analyzing Social Media Connections. Virginia Assn. of Museums, Newport News, Va.

### **A Selection of Community Projects (2012-2018)**

- 2018 Humanities Scholar for Clemson University's the "Black Clemson" Project.
- 2017 Consultant for the Louisa County Historical Society on Documenting Cemeteries
- 2017 Consultant for the Edith Bolling Wilson Museum (Wytheville) on their WWI exhibit
- 2015-6 Webmaster for Virginia's page on the National World War I Centennial website
- 2013-5 Consultant for the Remembering Slavery, Resistance, and Freedom Project
- 2012-6 Advisor for the Burial Database Project of Enslaved African Americans
- 2012 Consultant on a Rosenwald School oral history project in Bath County, a VFH grant
- 2012 Consultant on an historic schools project in Amherst County, supported by VFH
- 2012 Advisor on the creation of K-12 lesson plans, Scrabble School in Rappahannock

### **A Sample of my Websites**

[www.lynnrainville.org](http://www.lynnrainville.org)  
[www.tusculum.sbc.edu](http://www.tusculum.sbc.edu)  
[www2.vcdh.virginia.edu/cem](http://www2.vcdh.virginia.edu/cem)  
[www.locohistory.org](http://www.locohistory.org)