

Keri [Margaret] Adams, M.A. & Museum Studies Certificate

Senior Lecturer of History & Assistant Director and Manager of Center for Public History

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Education

Ph.D. History with primary field in Public History, Georgia State University,
expected 2032

M.A. History with primary field in Public History, University of West Georgia, 2013
Thesis: *Into the Desert: The Monastery of the Holy Spirit and Building Bonds in Rural Georgia, 1944 - 1969* (Director: Keith Hébert, Ph.D.)

Museum Studies Certificate, University of West Georgia and Atlanta History Center, 2013

B.A. Art concentrating in Art History with minor in Anthropology, University of West Georgia, 2008
Thesis: *Frank Gehry: X Plus* (Director: Rita Tekippe, Ph.D.)

Teaching Experience

Senior Lecturer of History, School of Humanities, University of West Georgia, July 2023 to present.

Graduate Affiliate Faculty, Department of History, University of West Georgia, January 2019 to December 2021.

Lecturer of History, Department of Art, History, and Philosophy, University of West Georgia, August 2017 to June 2023.

Limited-Term Instructor of History, Department of History, University of West Georgia, August 2014 to July 2017.

Courses Taught

Colleges, Slavery, and Memorialization

Introduction to Museum Studies

Introduction to Public History

Professionalism in Public Practice

Public History Internships

Thesis
Theory and Practice of Oral History
U.S. History I

Courses Developed

Colleges, Slavery, and Memorialization as Interdisciplinary Studies in Social Sciences

Current Service & Experience

Faculty Advisor, GirlTREK, Center for Student Involvement and Inclusion, University of West Georgia, July 2025 to present.

Faculty Advisor, Dancers with Attitude, Center for Student Involvement and Inclusion, University of West Georgia, September 2024 to present.

Faculty Senate Student Affairs Committee, College of Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences Representative, University of West Georgia, August 2024 to present.

Programs Committee, History Program, University of West Georgia, August 2024 to present.

Faculty Mentor for Undergraduate Public History Certificate, History Program, University of West Georgia, August 2021 to present.

Assistant Director & Manager, Center for Public History, History Program, University of West Georgia, August 2017 to present.

Past Service & Experience

Thesis Committee Member, Fiona Rainwater, History Program, University of West Georgia, March 2025 to May 2025.

Limited-Term Instructor Hiring Committee, History Program, University of West Georgia, January 2025 to May 2025.

Thesis Committee Director, Camille Coe, History Program, University of West Georgia, August 2024 to December 2024.

UWG Faculty/Staff Stakeholder Sessions and Workshops, University Interpretive Plan and Burial Ground Memorialization Project, Office of the President, University of West Georgia, Winter and Spring 2023.

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee (Department of Art, History, & Philosophy Representative) for the College of Arts, Culture, and Scientific Inquiry, University of West Georgia, August 2022 to May 2024.

Principal Investigator, Old Stone Church Exhibit for the Catoosa County Historical Society, Georgia Department of Transportation, Center for Public History, University of West Georgia, July 2022 to September 2024.

Public Historian Search Committee, History Program, University of West Georgia, April to July 2022.

Grant Writers Ad Hoc Committee, History Program, University of West Georgia, August 2021 to May 2022.

Blog Editorial Board Ad Hoc Committee, History Program, University of West Georgia, August 2021 to May 2022.

Co-Principal Investigator, Old Stone Church Exhibit for the Catoosa County Historical Society, Georgia Department of Transportation, Center for Public History, University of West Georgia, July 2021 to July 2022.

Thesis Committee, Camille Coe, History Program, University of West Georgia, Summer 2021 to July 2024.

Contributor, Innovative Research Project, Office of the Provost, Academic Affairs, University of West Georgia, April 2021 to August 2022.

LEAP Ad Hoc Committee, History Program, University of West Georgia, August 2020 to May 2021.

Podcast Ad Hoc Committee, Department of History, University of West Georgia, August 2020 to May 2022.

Professionalism Ad Hoc Committee, Department of History, University of West Georgia, August 2020 to May 2021.

Thesis Committee, William Scott, Department of History, University of West Georgia, Spring 2020 to Fall 2020.

Digital History Ad Hoc Committee, Department of History, University of West Georgia, November 2019 to May 2022.

Thesis Committee, April Moon Carlson, Department of History, University of West Georgia, Fall 2018 to Spring 2019.

UWG Historical Research Committee, Along the Ridge, Campus Planning and Facilities, University of West Georgia, November 2018 to March 2020.

Co-Principal Investigator, Administrative History of Ocmulgee National Monument, Center for Public History, Department of History, University of West Georgia, September 2018 to September 2021.

Students for Syria Faculty Advisor, Center for Student Involvement, University of West Georgia, August to December 2018.

Theme Year Committee, Department of History Representative, College of Arts and Humanities, University of West Georgia, March 2018 to May 2020.

Faculty Advisory Council to Provost, Academic Affairs, University of West Georgia, September 2017 to April 2019.

Advisor of Undergraduate Public History Certificate, History Program, University of West Georgia, August 2017 to August 2021.

Co-Principal Investigator, Special History Study of Andersonville National Historic Site, Center for Public History, Department of History, University of West Georgia, May 2017 to December 2020.

Co-Principal Investigator, Administrative History of the Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area, Center for Public History, Department of History, University of West Georgia, April 2017 to March 2020.

Gateway to Connect (G2C) Committee, Department of History, University of West Georgia, January 2017 to May 2019.

Assistant Director, Center for Public History, Department of History, University of West Georgia, August 2014 to July 2017.

Other Academic Experience

Research Assistant to Lisa Gezon, Ph.D., *Drug Effects: Khat in Biocultural and Socioeconomic Perspective* by Lisa L. Gezon (Left Coast Press, 2012), May to June 2012.

Graduate Research Assistant, Department of Anthropology, University of West Georgia, January 2011 to April 2012.

Graduate Research Assistant to Nadejda Williams, Ph.D., Charles Lipp, Ph.D., and Keith Pacholl, Ph.D., Department of History, University of West Georgia, August to December 2010.

Student Assistant to Rita Tekippe, Ph.D., Department of Art, University of West Georgia, 2005.

Public History Experience & Service

Volunteer Docent, Arabia Mountain National Heritage Area Alliance, Monastery of the Holy Spirit, Conyers, Georgia, March 2024 to present.

Collections Committee, Newnan-Coweta Historical Society, Newnan, Georgia, January 2017 to June 2022.

Volunteer Docent, Arabia Mountain National Heritage Area Alliance, Monastery of the Holy Spirit, Conyers, Georgia, January 2016 to March 2020 (halted due to coronavirus pandemic).

Curator, Bremen Spur Interpretive Sign Project, West Georgia Textile Heritage Trail, Center for Public History, University of West Georgia, January 2013 to November 2015.

Interpreter & Internship Manager, McRitchie-Hollis Museum, Newnan-Coweta Historical Society, October 2013 to August 2014.

Standing Committee for Objects, Archives, and Displays, Georgia's Women Center & History Museum, Georgia Commission for Women, Atlanta, Georgia, November 2012 to January 2013.

Advisory Committee, Georgia's Women Center & History Museum, Georgia Commission for Women, Atlanta, Georgia, April 2012 to November 2012.

Exhibits & Cultural Resource Specialist (as a Graduate Research Assistant), Center for Public History, Department of History, University of West Georgia, August 2011 to April 2012.

Collections Intern, Marietta History Center, May to August 2011.

Georgia Register of Historic Places draft nomination, Monastery of the Holy Spirit Historic District, Conyers, Georgia, in partnership with Arabia Mountain National Heritage Area Alliance, May 2011 to April 2013.

Publications: Peer-Reviewed Chapters

"Interpretation and Education," in *Administrative History of Ocmulgee Mounds National Historic Site*, Ann McCleary, Patrick Laird, Keri Adams, Annie Shirley, and Nathan Lawres, Washington, D.C.: National Park Service, U.S. Department of the Interior, forthcoming.

"Managing Change in Turbulent Times, 1967-1985," in *Administrative History of Ocmulgee Mounds National Historic Site*, Ann McCleary, Patrick Laird, Keri Adams, Annie Shirley, and Nathan Lawres, Washington, D.C.: National Park Service, U.S. Department of the Interior, forthcoming.

"A National Recreation Area, 1973-1984," in *'A String of Pearls...Too Valuable to Let Go': Administrative History, Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area*," Ann McCleary, Julia Brock, Keri Adams, and Andrew Schulz, Washington, D.C.: National Park Service, U.S. Department of the Interior, 2021, 33-64.

"Education and Interpretation," in *'A String of Pearls...Too Valuable to Let Go': Administrative History, Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area*," Ann McCleary, Julia Brock, Keri Adams, and Andrew Schulz, Washington, D.C.: National Park Service, U.S. Department of the Interior, 2021, 257-293.

"Interpreting African American History at Andersonville National Historic Site," in *In Plain Site: African Americans at Andersonville National Historic Site*, Evan Kutzler et al. Washington, D.C.: National Park Service, U.S. Department of the Interior, 2020, 191-223.

Publications: Peer-Reviewed Exhibits

Bowdon Spur Wayside Exhibit, co-editing curator with Ann McCleary, curated by Chanell Lowery, West Georgia Textile Heritage Trail, Center for Public History, University of West Georgia, Bowdon, Georgia, March 2018.

Bremen Spur Wayside Exhibit, curator, West Georgia Textile Heritage Trail, Center for Public History, University of West Georgia, Bremen, Georgia, September 2015.

Carrollton Spur Wayside Exhibit, co-curated with Andrew Carter, West Georgia Textile Heritage Trail, Center for Public History, University of West Georgia, Carrollton, Georgia, June 2012.

Other Publications

Making a Better Life for Our Rural People, contributing curator and project manager, University History Project, Center for Public History, Department of History and Office of the Provost, University of West Georgia, May 2019 to March 2020.

The Center for Public History at the University of West Georgia, *The West Georgia Textile Heritage Trail*. Charleston, South Carolina: Arcadia Publishing, 2015.

McCleary, Ann and Keri Adams, "West Georgia Textile Heritage Trail," *Georgia's Great Places*, Fall - Winter 2015-2016, 26-30.

Adams, Keri and Ann McCleary, "The Clothing Center of the South," *West Georgia Living* May – June 2015, 21-25.

Stitching the Fabric of Community of the West Georgia Region, assistant curator, Sewell Mill, Bremen, Georgia, April 2012.

Presentations: Academic & Professional Conferences

"Making the Story the Object: Memory Mapping and Micro-Histories," with Mark Janzen, Georgia Association of Museums Conference, February 5, 2025, Milledgeville, Georgia.

"Planning and Goals in Genealogical Oral History Programs," with Mark Janzen, Georgia Archives Genealogy Day, October 7, 2023, Georgia Archives, Morrow, Georgia.

"Public History Parents: Leaning In, Opting Out, and Finding Work Life Balance," facilitated by Erin Gregory, A. Nicole Hill, Emily McEwen, Sue Nguyen, and Ellen Rankin,

discussant with Elyssa Ford, Lynn Kronzek, Christine L. Ridarsky, and Andrea Ringer, National Council for Public History 2020 Conference (virtual due to coronavirus pandemic).

“Weaving Community Projects in Georgia,” facilitated by Jennifer Dickey, participant with Rico Chapman, Ann McCleary, Candy Tate, and Kathryn Wilson, National Council for Public History 2020 Conference (session canceled due to coronavirus pandemic).

“Gateways to Completion (G2C): Why It Matters to Students, Faculty, and Administrators,” with Keith Pacholl, USG Teaching and Learning Conference, April 2019, Athens, Georgia.

“West Georgia Textile Heritage Trail,” poster session with Hannah Givens and Chanell Lowery, National Council on Public History 2016 Conference, Baltimore.

“Telling the Stories of Carrollton’s Textile History,” with Dusty Dye, Georgia Association of Historians Annual Conference 2014 Conference, Athens, Georgia.

“Creating the West Georgia Textile Heritage Trail,” with Keith Hébert, Ann McCleary, and Andrew Carter, Georgia Trust Preservation Month Lecture Series, Rhodes Hall, Atlanta, May 2012.

Professional Appearances

“Finding peace and solitude at metro Atlanta’s Monastery of the Holy Spirit,” Interviewed by Paul Milliken, January 23, 2025, *Good Day Atlanta*, Fox 5 Atlanta, Fox Television Stations.

Funded Research, Pedagogy Projects, Grants, & Agreements

Student Research Assistant Program, Bowling Together or Bowling Alone: Student Organizations and Involvement at West Georgia (1906 to 2025), with Andy Walter, Office of Undergraduate Research and Honors College, University of West Georgia, AY 2026 (\$2,000).

Student Research Assistant Program, Local Queer History Project, Office of Undergraduate Research and Honors College, University of West Georgia, AY 2026 (\$2,000).

Student Research Assistant Program, Mapping West Georgia's Memories, with Andy Walter, Office of Undergraduate Research and Honors College, University of West Georgia, AY 2025 (\$1,800).

Student Research Assistant Program, Mapping West Georgia's Memories, with Andy Walter, Office of Undergraduate Research and Honors College, University of West Georgia, Summer 2024 (\$800).

Student Research Assistant Program, Mapping West Georgia's Memories, with Andy Walter, Office of Undergraduate Research and Honors College, University of West Georgia, AY 2024 (\$1,550).

Tech Fee Project, Server Space & Web Hosting for Digital History Projects, Information Technology Services, University of West Georgia, FY 2023 (\$150).

Tech Fee Project, Omeka Platinum Package for Digital History Projects, Information Technology Services, University of West Georgia, FY 2023 (\$1,000).

Student Research Assistant Program, An Augmented Reality Application for the UWG History Project, with Anja Remshagen, Office of Undergraduate Research and Honors College, University of West Georgia, AY 2023 (\$3,096).

Student Research Assistant Program, Mapping West Georgia's Memories, with Andy Walter, Office of Undergraduate Research and Honors College, University of West Georgia, AY 2023 (\$1,720).

Tech Fee Project, Server Space & Web Hosting for Digital History Projects, Information Technology Services, University of West Georgia, FY 2022 (\$150).

Tech Fee Project, Omeka Platinum Package for Digital History Projects, Information Technology Services, University of West Georgia, FY 2022 (\$1,000).

Georgia Humanities American Rescue Plan Sub-Award, University of West Georgia Center for Public History: ARP Subaward, with Ann McCleary, Georgia Humanities, December 2021 (\$20,000).

Old Stone Church Exhibit for Catoosa County Historical Society, Georgia Department of Transportation, with Ann McCleary and Andrew Carter, July 2021 to August 2024 (\$20,342.08).

Tech Fee Project, Omeka Platinum Package for Digital History Projects, Information Technology Services, University of West Georgia, FY 2021 (\$1,000).

Tech Fee Project, Server Space & Web Hosting for Digital History Projects, Information Technology Services, University of West Georgia, FY 2021 (\$150).

Tech Fee Project, Server Space & Web Hosting for Digital History Projects, Information Technology Services, University of West Georgia, FY 2020 (\$150).

Student Research Assistant Program, West Georgia Textile Heritage Trail, with Ann McCleary and Andy Walter, Office of Undergraduate Research and Honors College, University of West Georgia, AY 2020 (\$1,950).

Student Research Assistant Program, University History Project, with Ann McCleary and Andy Walter, Office of Undergraduate Research and Honors College, University of West Georgia, AY 2020 (\$1,950).

Tech Fees, Center for Public History, Information Technology Services, University of West Georgia, AY 2020 (\$1,150).

West Georgia Music Trail, Co-Principal Investigator, Community Foundation of West Georgia, 2019 (\$6,000).

Tech Fees, Center for Public History, Information Technology Services, University of West Georgia, AY 2019 (\$150).

Student Research Assistant Program, West Georgia Textile Heritage Trail, with Ann McCleary and Andy Walter, Office of Undergraduate Research and Honors College, University of West Georgia, AY 2019 (\$1,450).

Student Research Assistant Program, University History Project, with Ann McCleary and Andy Walter, Office of Undergraduate Research and Honors College, University of West Georgia, AY 2019 (\$1,450).

Student Research Assistant Program, University History Project, with Ann McCleary and Andy Walter, Office of Undergraduate Research and Honors College, University of West Georgia, Summer 2019 (\$550).

Student Research Assistant Program, West Georgia Textile Heritage Trail, with Ann McCleary and Andy Walter, Office of Undergraduate Research and Honors College, University of West Georgia, AY 2018 (\$1,450).

Student Research Assistant Program, University History Project, with Ann McCleary and Andy Walter, Office of Undergraduate Research and Honors College, University of West Georgia, AY 2018 (\$1,450).

Special History Study of Andersonville National Historic Site, Principal Investigator Ann McCleary, Co-Principal Investigator with Julia Brock and Evan Kutzler, National Park Service, May 2017 (\$77,000).

Strategic Planning for the West Georgia Textile Heritage Trail, Principal Investigator Ann McCleary, Co-Principal Investigator, Callaway Foundation, LaGrange, Georgia, May 2017 (\$35,000).

Administrative History of the Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area, Principal Investigator Julia Brock, Co-Principal Investigator with Evan Kutzler and Ann McCleary, National Park Service, April 2017 (\$63,000).

Bowdon Spur of the West Georgia Textile Heritage Trail, Principal Investigator Ann McCleary, Co-Principal Investigator, Warren and Ava Sewell Foundation and the Community Foundation of West Georgia, January 2016.

Honors & Awards

Ten-Year Service Milestone, Office of Human Resources, University of West Georgia, April 2025.

J. David Griffin Award for Superior Teaching, History Program, School of Humanities, College of Humanities, Art, and Social Sciences, University of West Georgia, Academic Year 2024.

Best of the West Values Award for the Colleges of Arts and Humanities, Office of Academic Affairs, University of West Georgia, 2019.

Other Honors & Awards: Undergraduate & Graduate Student

Albert S. Hanser Graduate Paper Award, Department of History, University of West Georgia, 2014.

Phi Alpha Theta Induction, Department of History, University of West Georgia, 2012.

Outstanding Service & Scholarship, Center for Public History, University of West Georgia, 2011.

Art History Award for Excellence, Department of Art, University of West Georgia, 2008.

Art History Award for Excellence, Department of Art, University of West Georgia, 2006.

Drawing Book Award, Department of Art, University of West Georgia, 2005.

Marianne Bobick Scholarship, Department of Art, University of West Georgia, 2005.

Professional Affiliations: Current

Georgia Association of Museums, 2015

National Council on Public History, 2015