

# MELANIE BEALS GOAN

## *Professor of History*

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### DEGREES

#### **Doctor of Philosophy, History** - May 2000

University of Kentucky

Dissertation Title: “‘First, Foremost, and Above All for Babies’: Mary Breckinridge and the Frontier Nursing Service,” supervised by Patricia Cooper and Kathi Kern

#### **Master of Arts, History** - December 1996

University of Kentucky

Women's Studies Certificate

Thesis Title: “On the Battlefield of Motherhood: Mary Breckinridge and the Frontier Nursing Service”

#### **Bachelor of Arts, History** - May 1994

Slippery Rock University

*Summa cum Laude*

### ACADEMIC

#### APPOINTMENTS

#### **University of Kentucky History Department**

**Professor** – 2021 - present, **Associate Professor** – 2017 - 2021, **Assistant Professor** – 2014 - 2017, **Lecturer** – 2011 - 2014, **Instructor** – 2000 - 2009, **Teaching Assistant**, 1994 - 1998

- Courses taught: History of Kentucky, History of Women in America, History of the United States, 1877-present (face to face and distance-learning dual credit), History Workshop (methods course), History of U.S. Health Care, Careers in History, Making of Modern Kentucky (large lecture and Freshman Discovery Seminar), and Television in the Post-War U. S.
- Affiliations with Appalachian Studies, Health, Society, and Populations program, and the Center for Health Equity Transformation

#### **Transylvania University History Department, Foundations of Liberal Arts**

**Instructor** –2009-2010, 2000-2002

#### **University of Kentucky College of Nursing**

**Research Assistant** - 1998 – 1999

- Collected and organized historical records for the UK College of Nursing
- Conducted 24 oral history interviews with former faculty and administrators
- Wrote a script for a 20-minute video on the College’s history
- Prepared a 168-page manuscript for the College’s fortieth anniversary celebration

#### **University of Kentucky Teaching and Learning Center**

**Associate** - Summer 1998

- Designed a print manual and website that outlined instructional resources and services available to faculty and teaching assistants

## HONORS AND AWARDS

Recipient, University of Kentucky College of Arts & Sciences Excellence in Teaching Large Courses Award, 2022

Honorable Mention Recipient, American Association for State and Local History Leadership in History Publication Award for *A Simple Justice: Kentucky Women Fight for the Vote*, 2021

Recipient, Teachers Who Made a Difference Award, 2018

Recipient, University of Kentucky Provost's Outstanding Teaching Award, 2017

Nominee, Ken Freedman Outstanding Faculty Advisor Award, 2016-2017

Nominee, College of Arts & Sciences Outstanding Teaching Award, 2014, 2016

Recipient, Collins Award for the best article published in the *Register of the Kentucky Historical Society*, 2003

## BOOKS

*A Simple Justice: Kentucky Women Fight for the Vote*. Lexington: University Press of Kentucky, 2020, 296 pages.

*Mary Breckinridge: The Frontier Nursing Service and Rural Health in Appalachia*. Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2008; paperback, 2015, 360 pages.

*"A Dream Shared by Many": The University of Kentucky College of Nursing, 1956-2000*. Self-published by the University of Kentucky College of Nursing, 2000, 168 pages.

## ARTICLES & BOOK CHAPTERS

"The 'Live Issue' of Black Women Voters in Kentucky." In *Revisiting My Old Kentucky Home: Slavery and Freedom in the Bluegrass State*, edited by Gerald Smith. Lexington: University Press of Kentucky, February 2023.

"From 'Angels on Horseback' to Neighbors and Friends: The Frontier Nursing Service's Changing Mission." In *Making Do and Doing Without: Southeastern Kentucky and the Great Depression*, to be published by the Jesse Stuart Foundation, forthcoming.

"The 'Argument of Numbers': Laura Clay and the Kentucky Plan." *Ohio Valley History* (spring 2020): 9-29.

"The End of Kentucky's Winning Season?: A Fresh Look at Early Twentieth Century Kentucky Decision-Making." *Register of the Kentucky Historical Society* 113: 2&3 (spring/summer 2015): 201-232.

"Mary Breckinridge (1881-1965): Kind Ambition and the Creation of the Frontier Nursing Service." In *Kentucky Women: Their Lives and Times*, edited by Melissa A. McEuen and Thomas H. Appleton, 294-311. Athens: University of Georgia Press, 2015.

"Establishing Their Place in the Dynasty: Sophonisba and Mary Breckinridge's Paths to Public Service." *Register of the Kentucky Historical Society* 101 (winter/spring 2003): 45-73.

**ESSAYS AND  
COMMENTARY**

"Life in 1972: A Look Back at the Year Kentucky Humanities Came to Be," *Kentucky Humanities*, spring 2022.

"On the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the 19th Amendment, Honor Kentucky's Suffragists by Voting," *Lexington Herald-Leader*, October 29, 2020.

UKNow feature interview on the Nineteenth Amendment, August 18, 2020.

"The Story of Lexington's First and Only Public Statue of a Woman -- in 1884 -- Until Now," *Lexington Herald-Leader*, May 19, 2020.

"Sallie Clay Bennett, 1841-1935," "Alice Lehman Carpenter, 1855-1940," "Louise Parlin Lillard, 1876 to 1965," and "Laura Rogers White, 1852-1929" (co-written with Kelli Lemaster), *Women and Social Movements in the United States, 1600-2000* Online Biographical Dictionary of the Woman Suffrage Movement, 1890-1920.

"Mary Carson Breckinridge (1881-1965)," *Women in American History: A Social, Political, and Cultural Encyclopedia*, volume 4. Ed. Roseanne Welch and Peg Lamphier. ABC-CLIO, 2017.

"Frontier Nursing Service," *The New Encyclopedia of Southern Culture*. Vol. 22. Ed. James G. Thomas, Jr. and Charles Reagan Wilson. Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2012.

"Linda Neville" and "Louise Hutchins," *Encyclopedia of Appalachia*. Ed. Rudy Abramson and Jean Haskell. Knoxville: University of Tennessee Press, 2006.

**BOOK  
REVIEWS**

Review of *Side by Side: Alice and Staughton Lynd, the Ohio Years*, by Mark W. Weber and Stephen H. Paschen. In *Ohio Valley History* 16:2 (summer 2016): 96-98.

Review of *Rural Unwed Mothers: An American Experience, 1870-1950*, by Mazie Hough. In *Journal of Southern History*, 79:3 (August 2013): 741.

Review of *Corra Harris and the Divided Mind of the New South*, by Catherine Oglesby. In *Journal of Southern History*, 76 (February 2010): 176.

Review of *Eliza Calvert Hall: Kentucky Author and Suffragist*, by Lynn E. Niedermeier. In *Register of the Kentucky Historical Society*, 106 (winter 2008): 72-73.

Review of *Nurse-Midwifery: The Birth of a New American Profession*, by Laura E. Ettinger. In *Register of the Kentucky Historical Society*. In *Register of the Kentucky Historical Society* 104 (summer/autumn 2006): 754-755.

Review of *Cora Wilson Stewart and Kentucky's Moonlight Schools: Fighting for Literacy*

*in America*, by Yvonne Honeycutt Baldwin. In *Register of the Kentucky Historical Society* 104 (winter 2006): 134-136.

Review of *Appalachian Folkways*, by John B. Rehder. In *Journal of Southern History* LXXII: 1 (February 2006): 204-205.

Review of *Appalachia: A History*, by John Alexander Williams. In *American Studies* 46 (spring 2005): 151-152.

Review of *Coal Miners' Doctor*, by Rita A. Mariotti. In *Appalachian Journal* 32:1 (fall 2004): 136-137.

Review of *Clio's Southern Sisters: Interviews with Leaders of the Southern Association for Women's Historians*, ed. Constance B. Schulz and Elizabeth Hayes Turner. In *Register of the Kentucky Historical Society* 102 (autumn 2004): 586-588.

Review of *No Place Like Home: A History of Nursing and Home Care in the United States*, by Karen Buhler-Wilkerson. In *Register of the Kentucky Historical Society* 101 (winter/spring 2003): 173-175.

Review of *Grasping at Independence: Debt, Male Authority, and Mineral Rights in Appalachian Kentucky, 1850-1915*, by Robert S. Weise. In *Register of the Kentucky Historical Society* 100:3 (summer 2002): 352-354.

Review of *Devices and Desires: Gender, Technology, and American Nursing*, by Margarete Sandelowski. In *Register of the Kentucky Historical Society* 99:2 (spring 2001): 195-197.

## GRANTS

University of Kentucky Gaines Center for the Humanities mini grant to bring a speaker to campus, March 2022, \$500

Co-Principal Investigator, start-up grant for the "Documenting Racial Violence in Kentucky Project," Office of Institutional Diversity, University of Kentucky, 2021, \$5000

University of Kentucky Gaines Center for the Humanities mini grant to bring a speaker to campus, October 2020, \$500

Research and Creative Activities Grant, Provost's Office, University of Kentucky, summer 2019, \$4000

Kentucky: An American Story Grant to support *A Simple Justice* book project, May 2018, \$45,750

Research and Creative Activities Grant, Provost's Office, University of Kentucky, summer 2018, \$3000

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Chair, Contagious Problems: Reform and Uplift in the Twentieth Century South, Southern Association for Women Historians, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, June 2018

Roundtable participant, Building a History of Twentieth Century Kentucky, Ohio Valley History Conference, Richmond, Kentucky, October 2015

“Driven by Kind Ambition: Mary Breckinridge, the Frontier Nursing Service, and the Need for Distinction,” Southern Association for Women Historians, Columbia, South Carolina, June 2009

“Establishing Their Place in the Dynasty: Sophonisba and Mary Breckinridge’s Routes to Public Service,” Ohio Valley History Conference, Richmond, Kentucky, October 2003

Roundtable Participant – Teaching College History, Kentucky Association of Teachers of History Conference, Frankfort, Kentucky, September 2000

“The Battle for Legitimacy: The Frontier Nursing Service’s Relationship with Patients, Granny Midwives, and Local Physicians,” South Central Women’s Studies Conference, San Antonio, Texas, March 2000

“‘A Nursery for the Finest Flower of the Old American Stock’: Medical Practitioners and Appalachian Racial Identity,” Appalachian Studies Association Conference, Abingdon, Virginia, March 1999

“The Invisible, But Profitable Nature of Whiteness: Race, Ethnicity, and the Frontier Nursing Service,” Bluegrass Symposium, Lexington, Kentucky, March 1998

“‘First, Foremost and Above All for Babies’: Maternalism and the Frontier Nursing Service,” Appalachian Studies Association Conference, Fort Mitchell, Kentucky, March 1997

## **INVITED TALKS**

Keynote: “A Simple Justice: Kentucky Women Fight for the Vote,” annual Sid Easley lecture, Murray State University, September 2022

Keynote: “Nursing Reimagined: The Frontier Nursing Service’s Innovations in Rural Health Care,” American Association for the History of Nursing conference, September 2022

“Call the Midwife: Mary Breckinridge and the Frontier Nursing Service,” Trimble County Library, March 2022

“A Simple Justice: Kentucky Women Fight for the Vote,” book talks given at Filson Historical Society, Kentucky Historical Society, Kentucky Society of the Daughters of American Revolution, Boonesborough chapter of the Daughters of American Revolution, Paul Sawyer Public Library, Woman’s Club of Louisville, Lexington League of Women Voters, Central Kentucky AAUW, University of Kentucky Lewis Honors College, Richmond P. E. O.

“Votes for Women: The Fight Goes On,” Kentucky state AAUW annual convention, Virtual, June 2021

UK History Department Alumni Symposium, “Women’s Suffrage Then and Now: The

19<sup>th</sup> Amendment a Century Later,” with Kathi Kern, Virtual, May 2021

”A Wedding Ring on Her Finger and a Ballot in Her Hand’: Western Kentucky and the Fight for Women’s Suffrage,” Owensboro AAUW, Virtual, March 2021

”Women’s Suffrage: Martha S. Jones, Elaine Weiss, and Melanie Beals Goan in conversation with Dr. Kathy Bullock,” Kentucky Book Festival, Virtual, November 2020

Panelist: “100 Years after the Nineteenth Amendment: What Kentucky Women Leaders Can Tell Us about Equity in the Workplace,” Abramson Leadership Exchange, Spalding University, Virtual, October 2020

”Kentucky Women and the Nineteenth Amendment,” University of Kentucky Rosenberg College of Law, American Bar Association Traveling Exhibit Kickoff Event, October 2020

”The Nineteenth Amendment: 100 Years of Women’s Suffrage,” Graydon Law Firm, Virtual, August 2020

”Victory over Germs: Lessons from the Past,” Arts & Sciences from Anywhere Virtual Speaker Series, May 2020

Keynote: “Moving Beyond Susan and Elizabeth: The Complicated History of Woman Suffrage in Kentucky,” F. Kevin Simon History Symposium, Sayre School, Lexington, Kentucky, February 2020

”Kentucky’s Fight for Woman Suffrage,” Donovan Forum Series, Osher Lifelong Learning Series, Lexington, Kentucky, February 2020

Panelist: League of Women Voters of Lexington screening of *Dreamers & Doers: Voices of Kentucky Women*, Lexington, Kentucky, January 2020

”United We Stand, Divided We Fall’: Making Kentucky Women Voters,” University of Kentucky Special Collections Research Center Suffrage Exhibit Opening, January 2020

”Mary Barr Clay,” Marker Dedication, White Hall, Richmond, Kentucky, June 2019

”Navigating College Academic Life,” Trinity Christian Academy, Lexington, Kentucky, May 2017, May 2018, April 2019

Keynote: “The Bitter End: Kentucky Suffragists and the Nineteenth Amendment Victory,” Eastern Kentucky University Herstory conference, Richmond, Kentucky, March 2019

”What To Do with This War?: Woman Suffragists and the Great War,” University of Kentucky School of Music lecture series, October 2018

Historical introduction to the film, *The Suffragette*, Breaking the Bronze Ceiling, Kentucky Theater, Lexington, Kentucky, August 2018

Panelist: "Memorial Hall Mural Open Forum," University of Kentucky, March 2017

"Kentucky Woman Suffrage Project," Louisville Women Lawyers Association, Louisville, Kentucky, February 2017

"Mary Breckinridge: The Frontier Nursing Service and Rural Health in Appalachia," Clark County Library, Annual Local History Week, Winchester, Kentucky, August 2014

"The History of Healthcare in the United States," Development of Social Welfare class, University of Kentucky, 2010, 2011

"Having a Baby the Nineteenth Century Way," Liberty Hall Historic Site, Frankfort, Kentucky, August 2009

Keynote: "Negotiating a Proper Place: Mary Breckinridge and the Frontier Nursing Service," Eastern Kentucky University Herstory Conference, Richmond, Kentucky, March 2009

Keynote: "'The Mind of a Man and Heart of a Mother': Mary Breckinridge and the Frontier Nursing Service," Marshall University Graduate Student Conference, Huntington, West Virginia, March 2009

"The Frontier Nursing Service: Cultural Conflict and Appalachian Reform," Eastern Kentucky Appalachian Center, Richmond, Kentucky, October 2008

"'One Has the Right to a Private Life': The Frontier Nursing Service Collection and Mary Breckinridge's Archival Legacy," University of Kentucky Appalachian Center's Discover Appalachia in the Archives Series, Lexington, Kentucky, October 2006

"Women and Reform: The Frontier Nursing Service," American Legacies Summer Institute, K-12 teachers, Benham, Kentucky, May 2005

"Female Reformers and the Construction of Place in the Kentucky Mountains, 1900-1930," Kentucky History Education Conference, Frankfort, Kentucky, May 2005

"Why We Buy: Women and Advertising," Transylvania University's Women's History Month Workshop, Lexington, Kentucky, March 2002

"Kentucky Was Her Neighborhood: Mary Breckinridge and the Frontier Nursing Service," Kentucky Historical Society's Brown Bag Series, Frankfort, Kentucky, March 2001

"Mary Breckinridge and the Frontier Nursing Service," Vassar Club of Central Kentucky, Lexington, Kentucky, October 2000

"Mary Breckinridge and the Frontier Nursing Service," Central Kentucky Women's Club, Lexington, Kentucky, January 2000

**MEDIA  
APPEARANCES**

“Angels on Horseback: Midwives in the Mountains,” PBS, October 2021 (video)

WUKY interview on Kentucky suffrage, March 2021 (radio)

Frazier Kentucky History Museum’s Bridging the Divide series, November 2020 (video)

Think Humanities Podcast with Bill Goodman, November 2020 (radio)

KET, documentary project on the Frontier Nursing Service, to be released spring 2021 (video)

WKYT, “The Breakdown,” August 2020 (video)

WEKU, “Eastern Standard,” 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment Series, July 2020 (radio)

WLEX interview on Mary Barr Clay, May 2019 (video)

KET, “The Future of Kentucky History,” Boone Day Celebration, May 2005 (video)

**PUBLIC  
OUTREACH**

Kentucky Humanities Council Speakers Bureau, 2020-present

Director of Interns and Research Editor, *Documenting Racial Violence in Kentucky* digital project, 2021-2022

Planning Committee Member, Kentucky Woman Suffrage Project, 2016-present

Advisor, Frankfort Suffrage Leader Cemetery Project

Plaque Wording Advisor, Breaking the Bronze Ceiling Project, 2019-2021

Discussion Leader, Kentucky Reads, Kentucky Humanities Council, 2018-2019

Adviser, Mary Breckinridge Chautauqua Character played by Janet Scott, Kentucky Humanities Council, 2017

Frequent faculty consultant for National History Day participants

Researcher, federal mitigation project run through the Kentucky Heritage Council documenting the history of the Bourbon County, KY tuberculosis sanitarium, 2011

**GRADUATE  
SUPERVISION**

Allen Fletcher, History Ph.D. Committee

Christopher Miller, Educational Policy Studies & Evaluation Ph.D. Committee

Evelyn Ashley Sorrell, History Ph.D. Committee

Jonathan Tyler Baker, History M.A. Committee (co-chair)

**DEPARTMENTAL  
SERVICE**

Director of Undergraduate Studies, January 2021-present

Undergraduate academic advisor, 2013-present

History Alumni Board, 2016-present

Ireland Essay Prize, chair, 2021-present

Rowland Prize and Ireland Scholarship to fund undergraduate summer opportunities, chair, 2015-present

Presenter, "Skillifying our Syllabi: A Workshop on Introducing and Highlighting Career Competencies in Our Courses," History Workshop, fall 2021

Discussant, History Workshop with Liz Catte, spring 2021

Department Chair Search Committee, 2020

Undergraduate Committee, 2011-present

Planning and Priorities Committee, chair, 2019-2020

Executive Committee, 2017-2019

Digital course planning committee member

History Department Development Intern committee

Constitution Day workshop, "Gender and Citizenship Challenge," with Kathi Kern, Amy Taylor, Kathy Newfont, and Anastasia Curwood, 2015

Appalachian history faculty search committee, 2014-2015

**UNIVERSITY  
SERVICE**

Experiential Education Faculty Advisory Group, 2021-present

W. T. Young Library Endowment Advisory Committee, 2020-present

Moderator: Career Panel Discussion with A&S Hall of Distinguished Alumni Inductees, October 2021

A&S Scholarship Committee, 2021

Dual Credit New Partner Review Committee, 2020-2021

Trunzo Scholarship Selection Committee, 2017-2019

Arts & Sciences Liberal Arts Website Initiative, 2018

Outstanding Teaching Awards Selection Committee, 2018

A&S Internship Grant Selection Committee, 2018

Faculty Learning Community – Large Classes, 2016-2017

UK Robinson Scholars Program, selection committee member, 2015-2017

UK Arts and Sciences Mentoring Program participant, 2015-2016

Committee for Developing Memorandum of Agreements for Community Partners (Internship Sites), 2016

UKCore Canvas Pilot Program, 2015

UKCore Assessment Reader, 2012

**PROFESSIONAL  
ACTIVITIES**

Co-Chair, Local Arrangements for the 2022 Southern Association for Women Historians conference

Grant reviewer, National Endowment for the Humanities' Digital Projects for the Public, 2022

Kentucky State Coordinator, *Women and Social Movements in the United States, 1600-2000* Online Biographical Dictionary of the Woman Suffrage Movement in the U.S. project, 2017-2020

Manuscript reviewer: University Press of Kentucky, Ohio University Press, Yale University Press, University of New Mexico Press, *Register of the Kentucky Historical Society*, *Journal of Southern History*, *Ohio Valley History*, *Indiana Magazine of History*

American Historical Association Tuning Project, 2015

Member, Kentucky Association of Teachers of History and chair of the George C. Herring Prize for the best graduate research paper, 2005, 2006, 2008, 2012-2016

Kentucky Historical Society Graduate Student Day faculty mentor, 2015

National Conference on Undergraduate Research Abstract Reviewer, spring 2014

Editorial Board Member, *Register of the Kentucky Historical Society*, 2006-2009

Executive Board Member, Kentucky Association of Teachers of History, 2002-2008

President, Kentucky Association of Teachers of History, 2006-2007

Judge, *Register of the Kentucky Historical Society* Collins Award, 2005, 2007

Judge, Governor's Award for the best book in Kentucky history, 2003

Preparing Future Faculty Spring Conference Planning Committee, 2000

Bluegrass Symposium Planning Committee, 1995, 1996, 1997

**PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS** Southern Association for Women Historians

American Historical Association

Kentucky Historical Society