CONFERENCE BIO AND ABSTRACT

Dr. Joshua S. Haynes is an Assistant Professor of Early American and Native American History at the University of Southern Mississippi.

Dr. Haynes is an ethnohistorian who researches, publishes, and teaches early American and Native American history focusing on themes such as colonialism, violence, and state formation.

His paper for the St. George Tucker Society’s 2018 meeting derives from his new book, *Patrolling the Border: Theft and Violence on the Creek-Georgia Border, 1770-1796,* published by the University of Georgia Press in May 2018. The book focuses on a late-eighteenth-century boundary dispute between the powerful Muskogee Creek Indians and Georgians. Thematically, the work analyzes the compromises non-state, indigenous people made when confronting an aggressive, imperial state and the consequences of those compromises. Using database and mapping applications, Haynes has identified a pattern of Creek raiding that he describes as politically-motivated border patrols. Border patrols harnessed a spirit of unity to defend Creek country yet sharpened divisions over political leadership. As a state-like institution, border patrols are one of the keys to understanding late eighteenth century conflict between Creeks and their neighbors, as well as between Creeks themselves.

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Dr. Haynes has taught undergraduate and graduate courses in early American and Native American history at several institutions. Courses taught recently include The American Revolution, The Native American South, American Indian History to 1840, American Indian History since 1840, War and Captivity in Native American Society, U.S. History to 1877, and World History since 1500.