

# Natalie Inman

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**Objective** To obtain funding for dissertation research and writing

**Education** *August 2003-Present Vanderbilt University Nashville, TN*  
**PhD Candidate, Advisor: Daniel H. Usner, Jr.**

- Major Field – Colonial America and Early Republic United States
- Minor Fields – American Business and Economy, Early Modern European Family and Community

*August 2003-May 2005 Vanderbilt University Nashville, TN*  
**Masters of Arts, Advisor: Daniel H. Usner, Jr.**

- Major Field – Colonial America and Early Republic United States
- Minor Fields – American Business and Economy, Early Modern European Family and Community

*August 1998-May 2003 University of Tennessee Knoxville, TN*  
**Bachelor of Arts**

- Major Field – History Honors Program
- Minor Field – Business Administration

**Publications  
and current  
projects**

**Dissertation in Progress:** Tentatively titled, "Networking and Negotiation on the Trans-Appalachian Frontier: A Comparative Study of Strategic Decision-Making in Cherokee, Chickasaw, and Anglo-American Communities, 1730-1830," my dissertation evaluates interpersonal networking on the Trans-Appalachian frontier in a comparative context. By researching the social and economic networking strategies of Cherokee, Chickasaw, and white families in the contested Cumberland region of what would become Tennessee, we can better understand the ways individuals negotiated the contentious social, economic, and political environments of the region.

**Archives Accessed:** Newberry Library; Gilder Lehrman Collection; Mississippi Department of Archives & History; University of Oklahoma- Western History Collections; Chickasaw Genealogy Research Center; Oklahoma Historical Society; Chickasaw Historical Society; Red River Historical Museum & Archives; Tennessee State Library & Archives; Vanderbilt University Special Collections; University of Tennessee Special Collections, Filson Historical Society

**Masters Thesis:** "Friendship and Advancement: A Community of Lawyers in Nashville, Tennessee, 1788-1805" Vanderbilt University, May 2005.

**Article:** "Wealth, Community, & Litigation in Frontier Tennessee: A Study of Tennessee Superior Court Pleadings, 1802-1810," Journal of East Tennessee History, 2004.

**Fellowships  
and awards**

***Vanderbilt University***

***Nashville, TN***

American Philosophical Society Library Resident Research Fellowship (May 2009)

Vanderbilt University Center for the Americas Dissertation Fellowship (2007-2008)

Newberry Library American Society for Eighteenth Century Studies Fellowship (July 2007)

John Carter Brown Library Charles H. Watts Memorial Fellowship, (May & June 2008)

Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History Dissertation Scholarly Fellowship (August 2007)

Filson Historical Society Fellowship (February 2008)

William Campbell Binkley Graduate Education Fund (Summer 2007)

Vanderbilt University Center for Ethics Dissertation Fellowship (Spring 2007)

"Pre-Modern Race and Sexuality Symposium" Travel Grant from Vanderbilt's Robert Penn Warren Center to the Newberry Library, Chicago, IL (March 2007)

University Fellowship & University Graduate Fellowship (Fall 2003-Spring 2007)

Andrew Carnegie Mellon Fellowship for the Graduate Mellon Maymester Seminar: "The Souls of Brutes and Stupid Things" Directed by Professor Jonathan Lamb (May 9-June 1, 2006)

Herbert and Blanche Henry Weaver Research Fellowship (Summer 2005)

History Department Conference Travel Grants (2004, 2005)

**Professional  
experience**

*Primary Instructor* - Fall 2006, History 170 01: US History to 1877

Responsibilities - Course construction, bi-weekly lecturing, leading weekly discussions, consulting with students on their progress in the class, leading review sessions before exams, and grading all assignments.

*Graduate Teaching Assistant* - Spring 2006, Humanities 161: History of New Orleans through Katrina (grader); Fall 2005, History 170: US History to 1877; Spring 2005, History 204: History of Biomedicine; Fall 2004, History 170: US History to 1877

Responsibilities - Spring 2006: Grading all assignments and maintaining familiarity with the material covered; Fall 2004-Fall 2005: Maintaining familiarity with material covered by the class, leading discussion sections, consulting with students on their progress in the class, leading review sessions before exams, and grading all assignments.

*Research Assistant* - May 2002-December 2002, Dr. Judy Cornett

Responsibilities - Created a database to manage and sort the historical data in recently found Tennessee Superior Court Pleadings Records covering the period from 1802 to 1810.

*Administrative Assistant* - December 2006-February 2007, Dr. Gary Gerstle

Responsibilities - Assisted Dr. Gary Gerstle in putting together the Maryland/Vanderbilt Workshop, responsibilities included coordinating all refreshments, transportation, and entertainment, creating schedules, materials packets, and cost worksheets, and overseeing workshop logistics.

**Professional Conference Presentations and Talks** "Relationships and Rhetoric in the Old Southwest: Treaties in the formation of Regional Alliances" Society of Historians of the Early American Republic Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, (July 19, 2008, panel co-organizer)

"Personal, Familial, and Political Strategies in Intercultural Negotiation in the Trans-Appalachian Southeast," John Carter Brown Library Fellows Luncheon (June 18, 2008)

"Utilitarian Friendship on the Frontier: A Community of Nashville Lawyers, 1788-1805" Bluegrass Symposium, University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY (April 4, 2008)

"Filson Historical Society Materials on Cherokee and Chickasaw Diplomacy and War, 1770-1820" Filson Historical Society, Louisville, KY (March 4, 2008)

"The Donelsons and the Historiography of Family" in Graduate Presentation Panel entitled "Honor, Nobility, and the Family in the Early Modern Period" for Robert Penn Warren Center Early Modern Cultural Studies Group, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN (February 28, 2007)

"The Enlightenment's Humanity: A Discourse of Tolerance or of Dominance?" Andrew Carnegie Mellon Graduate Maymester Seminar: "The Souls of Brutes and Stupid Things" Directed by Professor Jonathan Lamb, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN (June 1, 2006)

"Friendship and Advancement: A Community of Lawyers, Nashville 1788-1805" Vanderbilt University Department of History Annual First Years' Conference, Nashville, TN (April 29, 2004)

**Professional service and memberships** *Vanderbilt Graduate History Association*: Treasurer (Fall 2006-Spring 2007), Vice President (Fall 2005-Spring 2006), and Community Service Committee Chair (Fall 2005-Spring 2006)

*Organization of History Graduate Students* (predecessor to VGHA): Secretary (Fall 2004-Spring 2005)

*Association Memberships*: American Historians Association, Organization of American Historians, Southern Historical Association, Society of Early Americanists, Omohundro Institute of Early American History and Culture, Southern Association for Women Historians, American Society for Ethnohistory, Museum of Cherokee History, Chickasaw Historical Association, Tennessee Historical Society, American Society for Eighteenth Century Studies

**Languages** English: Fluent

French: Reading Proficiency

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