Tanner Lee Corley

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EDUCATION

2027 Ph.D. in History, University of Alabama
Dissertation: *License to Cut: Race, Regulation, and the Southern Beauty Industry, 1890–1980*
Advisor: Kari Frederickson

2023 M.A. in History, University of Alabama

2021 B.S. in History and Political Science, Minor in Economics, University of Central Arkansas

APPOINTMENTS

2026- Assistant Editor, the *Southern Historian*

2023- Student Research Affiliate, Knee Regulatory Research Center

PEER REVIEWED ARTICLES

2026 "Regulating Beauty: The Licensing of Barbers and Beauticians in Alabama and the Nation." *Enterprise & Society* 27, no. 1 (2026): 1–26.

2023 with Wendy Lucas and Marcus Witcher. "License to Exclude: Minority Barbers in Arkansas." *Essays in Economic and Business History* 41, no. 2 (2023): 132–148.

2021 Marcus M. Witcher. "Barber Licensing in Arkansas: Public Health or Private Gain?" *Cato Journal* 41 (2021): 115–138.

SELECTED ADDITIONAL PUBLICATIONS

2025 Book Review of Bartow Elmore, *Country Capitalism*. *Southern Historian* 46 (Spring 2025): 29–31.

2024 Review of Amity Shlaes, *New Deal Rebels*. *The Independent Review* 28, no. 3 (Winter 2023/2024).

2023 Review of Julie Willett, *The Male Chauvinist Pig: A History*. *Southern Historian* 44 (Spring 2023): 70–71.

WORKS UNDER REVIEW

2026 with Marcus Witcher and Alicia Plemmons. "Rent-Seeking and State Regulatory Action: The Historical Case of Jitneys in the American South." Under review at the *Journal of Regulatory Economics*.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor of Record, University of Alabama Department of History

2026 HY 104, American Civilization Since 1865 — Summer II

2025 HY 104, American Civilization Since 1865 — Summer (online)

2024 HY 101, Western Civilization to 1648 — Summer (online)

2023 HY 104, American Civilization Since 1865 — Summer (online)

Graduate Teaching Assistant, University of Alabama

2021-2026 HY 101, Western Civilization to 1648; HY 102, Western Civilization from 1648; HY 103, American Civilization to 1865; HY 104, American Civilization since 1865; HY 115, History of Science and Medicine to 1800; HY 116, History of Science and Medicine since 1800; HY 357, World War I

Supplemental Instructor, University of Central Arkansas

2021 HY 2302, America in the Modern Era

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

2026-2027 Mercatus Center Fellowship, Mainline Political Economy
2026 Friends of the Alabama Archives Student Research Fellowship
2026 Frazine Taylor Graduate Student Research Grant, Alabama Historical Association
2025 Institute for Humane Studies Fellowship Grant
2023 James Soltow Award, best essay published in Essays in Economic and Business History
2020 Arkansas Center for Research in Economics Research Travel Fund Recipient
2020 Carl Menger Student Essay Contest Prize (one of three winners), Society for the Development of Austrian Economics
2019-2021 Research Fellow, Arkansas Center for Research in Economics

INVITED TALKS AND CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2026 "License to Cut: Race, Regulation, and the Southern Beauty Industry." Public Talk, West Virginia University, Morgantown, WV, September 17.

2025 "Regulating Beauty: The Licensing of Beauticians in Alabama and the Nation." Southern Association for Women Historians Conference, Daytona Beach, FL, June 19–22.

2025 "Race and Regulation: The Rise and Fall of Jitneys in the South." Economic and Business History Society Conference, Birmingham, AL, May 29–31.

2025 "Race and Regulation: The Rise and Fall of Jitneys in the South." Association of Private Enterprise Education Annual Conference, Guatemala City, Guatemala, April 6–9.

2024 "Regulating Beauty: The Licensing of Barbers and Beauticians in Alabama and the Nation." Knee Regulatory Research Center Emerging Scholars Conference, West Virginia University, Morgantown, WV, May 21–22.

2024 "Regulating Beauty: The Licensing of Barbers and Beauticians in Alabama and the Nation." Phase One, Knee Regulatory Research Center Emerging Scholars Conference (online).

2024 "Regulating Beauty: The Licensing of Barbers and Beauticians in Alabama." Association of Private Enterprise Education Annual Conference, Las Vegas, NV, April 7–9.

2023 "Regulating Beauty: The Licensing of Barbers and Beauticians in Alabama." Alabama Historical Association Annual Meeting, Prattville, AL, April 15.

2023 "Regulating Beauty: The Licensing of Barbers and Beauticians in the Nation." Markets and Movements Graduate History Association Conference, University of Mississippi, Oxford, MS, February 18.

2021 "License to Exclude: Minority Barbers in Arkansas." Knee Center Emerging Scholars Conference (online).

2020 "Rent-Seeking for Occupational Licensing: Evidence from the History of Barber Licensing in Arkansas." Southern Economic Association Conference (online).

PUBLIC SCHOLARSHIP AND MEDIA

Media

2026 Guest, Alabama History Podcast, "Episode 98: Tanner Corley on Alabama History Association Frazine Taylor Award 2026," August 3 Link

2024 Consulted as a subject-matter expert for "St. Louis to Let Barbers Work Nights, Axing Old Law Aimed at Black Shops," The Washington Post Link

Op-Eds and Public Writing

2024 "History Repeats Itself with Excessive Transportation Regulation." The Orange County Register, August 13, Link

2021 The Game of Chicken and Biden's Border Crisis." Log Cabin Democrat. Link

2020 "Hairy Regulations." Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, December 11, Link

2020 "Barber Licensing in Arkansas Could Use a Cut." ACRE Blog, July 21, Link

ACADEMIC SERVICE

2024-2025 Recruitment Chair, Graduate History Association, University of Alabama

2023-2024 Secretary, Graduate History Association, University of Alabama

2023 Panel Commentator, Power and Struggle Conference, Graduate History Association, University of Alabama, Spring

REFERENCES

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