Elena Marsh

Visiting Assistant Professor

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SUMMARY

Historian of the 19th-century United States with a PhD and 6 years of undergraduate teaching, now in a 2-year visiting appointment at a liberal arts college. Teaches 3 courses a semester from survey to senior seminar, builds writing-heavy assignments on archival research and digital humanities, and advises 25 history majors.

EXPERIENCE

Visiting Assistant Professor 08/2024 - Present

Maury River College Lexington, VA

Department of History at a 1,900-student liberal arts college.

- Teach 3 courses a semester, including the US survey and a Reconstruction seminar, to about **85** students.
- Built 2 new courses with a course design grant, having students map 1,200 county court records.
- Advise 25 history majors on course plans and senior theses; all 9 seniors graduated on time in 2026.
- Organized a 4-session archival research and Zotero workshop with the college library for 40 first-year students.

Graduate Instructor 08/2020 - 05/2024

University of Virginia, Department of History Charlottesville, VA

Discussion leader for survey courses and summer instructor of record.

- Led weekly discussion sections for 4 survey courses, about 60 students a semester.
- Taught 2 summer courses as instructor of record, with student ratings averaging 4.7 out of 5.
- Graded 900 essays and exams a year with shared rubrics in Canvas, returning feedback within 7 days.
- Presented 3 conference papers and published 1 journal article drawn from the dissertation on postwar Virginia courts.

Summer Research Fellow 06/2022 - 08/2022

Old Dominion Historical Society Richmond, VA

Funded fellowship in the society's manuscript and court records collections.

- Catalogued 3,400 county court and Freedmen's Bureau documents for a public finding aid.
- Wrote 12 short archival research guides used by teachers and visiting researchers.
- Delivered a public lecture on Reconstruction-era courts to an audience of 120.

SKILLS

- **Undergraduate Teaching**
- **Course Design**
- **Archival Research**
- **Digital Humanities**
- **Primary Source Analysis**
- **Academic Advising**
- **Canvas**
- **Zotero**
- **Public Speaking**
- **Communication Skills**

EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy

University of Virginia

History

Charlottesville, VA

05/2024