

Curriculum Vitae

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Education

PhD, University of Washington, 1997, History
MA, Utah State University, 1992, History
BA, Yale University, 1988, History (magna cum laude)

Employment

Professor of History, Middlebury College, 2013-
John C. Elder Chair in Environmental Studies, Middlebury College, 2013-
Associate Professor, Department of History, Middlebury College, 2004-2013
Assistant Professor, Department of History, Middlebury College, 1997-2004.
Instructor, Department of History, University of Washington, 1995-96.
Teaching Assistant, Department of History, University of Washington, 1992-1995.
Editorial Fellow, Western Historical Quarterly, Utah State University, 1988-1990.

Grants, Fellowships, and Awards

Fellow, Charles Warren Center for Studies in American History, Harvard University, 2013-14
Mellon Foundation, Mellon Collaborative Workshop Grant, “Nature, Race, and Pedagogy” (with Susan Burch), 15-17 October 2010.
American Antiquarian Society, American Historical Print Collectors, Short-term Research Fellowship, November 2007.
Dean’s and Provost’s Discretionary Fund, Mellon Cluster Grant, Middlebury College, 2004.
Mellon Environmental Studies Summer Research Fellowship, Summer 2002, for research with Erin Sullivan ’04, Environmental History of Otter Creek Swamps.
Runner-Up, Allan Nevins Dissertation Prize for Best-Written Dissertation, 1997.
University of Washington Graduate School Humanities Dissertation Fellowship, 1996-1997.
John Calhoun Smith Dissertation Fellowship, Univ. of Washington Dept. of History, 1996.
John Calhoun Smith Memorial Scholarship, University of Washington, 1990-992.
Western History Association Editorial Fellowship, Utah State University, 1988-1990.
Cache Valley Local History Award, Utah State University, 1989.

Publications—Books:

The Nature of Gold: An Environmental History of the Klondike Gold Rush (Seattle: University of Washington Press, 2003).

Publications—Articles/Essays

- “There Will Be Birds: Images of Oil Disasters in the Nineteenth and Twentieth Centuries,” Journal of American History 99:1 (June 2012), 124-134.
- “Dad (and Mom) versus Nature, 1975: Jaws and The Adventures of the Wilderness Family,” in “Films Every Environmental Historian Should See,” ed. Marc Cioc, Environmental History 12:2 (April 2007), 346-49.
- “Wal-Mart, Homesteads, and Unintended Consequences, in “Anniversary Forum: What Books Should Be More Widely Read in Environmental History?” ed. Adam Rome, Environmental History 10:4 (October 2005), 728-730.
- Photographic Essay for “Anniversary Forum: What’s Next for Environmental History,” Environmental History 10:1 (January 2005).
- “Putting History at the Core: History and Literature in Environmental Studies,” History Teacher 37:1 (November 2003), 67-72.

Publications—Non-refereed

- “The Nature of War: An Environmental History of Mount Independence,” Orwell, VT: The Mount Independence Coalition, 2006.

Book Reviews

- Finding Oil: The Nature of Petroleum Geology, 1859-1920. By Brian Frehner. Pacific Historical Review, 82:1 (February 2013), 128-30.
- A Landscape History of New England. Edited by Blake Harrison and Richard Judd. Afterword by John Elder. Vermont History 80:2 (Summer/Fall 2012), 176-78.
- Harnessing Power in Industrial America: Horses at Work. By Ann Norton Green. Environmental History 15:4 (October 2010), 789-791.
- Boom and Bust in the Alaska Gold Fields: A Multicultural Adventure. By Steven C. Levi. Alaska History 24:2 (Fall 2009).
- Making a Living: Work and Environment in the United States. By Chad Montrie. American Historical Review. 114: 3 (June 2009), 796-797.
- In Darkest Alaska: Travel and Empire Along the Inside Passage. By Robert Campbell. Western Historical Quarterly 40:1 (Spring 2009), 101-102.
- Workers and the Wild: Conservation, Consumerism, and Labor in Oregon, 1910-1930. By Lawrence M. Lipin. Journal of American History 94:3 (December 2007), 958.
- The Coldest Crucible: Arctic Exploration and American Culture. By Michael F. Robinson. Reviews in American History 35:1 (March 2007), 77-82.
- Nature’s Altars: Mountains, Gender, and American Environmentalism. By Susan R. Schrepfer. Pacific Historical Review 75:4 (November 2006), 667-68.
- The World Turned Upside Down: A History of Mining on Coal Creek and Woodchopper Creek, Yukon Charley River Preserve, Alaska. By Douglas Beckstead. The Public Historian 28: 2 (Spring 2006), 101-102.

- Knock on Wood: Nature as Commodity in Douglas Fir Country. By Scott Prudham. Technology & Culture 47 (January 2006), 208-209.
- Faith in Nature: Environmentalism as Religious Quest. By Thomas Dunlap. On Earth (Summer 2004).
- Big Sky Rivers: The Yellowstone and Upper Missouri. By Robert Kelley Schneiders. American Historical Review 109: 4 (October 2004), 1240-41.
- Seeing Nature Through Gender. Edited by Virginia J. Scharff. Western Historical Quarterly 35: 4 (Winter 2004), 504-505.
- Hard Drive to the Klondike: Promoting Seattle During the Gold Rush. By Lisa Mighetto and Marcia Montgomery; and Chilkoot: An Adventure in Ecotourism. By Allan Ingelson, Michael Mahony. Pacific Northwest Quarterly 94:3 (Summer 2003), 159-60.
- Alaska: An American Colony. By Stephen Haycox. Oregon Historical Quarterly 104: 1 (Spring 2003), 128-29.
- The Natural West: Environmental History in the Great Plains and Rocky Mountains. By Dan Flores. Western Historical Quarterly 33 (Autumn 2002), 352.
- Mining Frontiers of the Far West, 1848-1880. By Rodman Wilson Paul. Revised and Expanded by Elliott West. Environmental History 7:2 (April 2002), 330-31.
- Reflections in Bullough's Pond: Economy and Ecosystem in New England. By Diana Muir. Environmental History 6:3 (July 2001), 487-88.
- Northwest Lands, Northwest Peoples: Readings in Environmental History, Edited by Dale D. Goble and Paul W. Hirt, Western Historical Quarterly 32: 2 (Summer 2001), 107-108.
- Dispossessing the Wilderness: Indian Removal and the Making of the National Parks, by Mark David Spence, Pacific Northwest Quarterly (Spring 2000), 94.
- Reclaiming the Native Home of Hope: Community, Ecology, and the American West, Edited by Robert B. Keiter, Environmental History 5:1 (January 2000), 107-108.
- A Sense of the American West: An Anthology of the American West, Edited by James E. Sherow, Nevada Historical Society Quarterly (Summer 1999), 197-98.
- Schwatka's Last Search: The New York Ledger Expedition Through Unknown Alaska and British America, Annotated by Arland S. Harris, and When the Geese Come: The Journals of a Moravian Missionary, Ella Mae Ervin Romig, 1898-1905, Pacific Northwest Quarterly (Winter 1998/99), 49-50.
- The Northern Gold Fleet: Twentieth-Century Gold Dredging in Alaska by Clark C. Spence, Western Historical Quarterly 28 (Summer 1997), 246-47.
- A Sermon in the Desert: Belief and Behavior in Early St. George, Utah by Larry Logue, Western Historical Quarterly 21 (May 1990), 244-45.

Scholarly Presentations

- “Beyond Migrant Mother: Visual Sources and Late New Deal/Farm Security Administration Rural Rehabilitation Programs,” World Congress of Environmental History, 11 July 2014, Guimares, Portugal.
- “Pro-Quest Historical Newspapers and the Meanings of the ‘E-word’ across the 1970s,” paper presentation, Annual Conference of American Society for Environmental History,” 13

- March 2014, San Francisco, CA.
- Chair, Panel Session, “Mobile Labor Camps and the Politics of Life in Frontier Spaces,” Annual Conference of American Society for Environmental History,” 15 March 2014, San Francisco, CA.
- “Making Oil Visible Before 1900,” Conference Presentation, Center for Historical American Visual Culture, American Antiquarian Society, Worcester, MA, 1 November 2013.
- Chair, Panel Session, “Corporations and Their Workers,” Western History Association, Tucson, Arizona, 12 October 2013.
- Comment, Panel Session, “Measuring and Valuing Nature: Fisheries, Forests, and Energy,” American Society for Environmental History, Madison, WI, 29 March 2012.
- Moderator, Roundtable, “Interpreting Images: Tips for Working with Visual Sources,” American Society for Environmental History, Madison, WI, 31 March 2012.
- Roundtable Participant, “Environmental History, the Job Market, and Interdisciplinary Positions,” American Society for Environmental History, Phoenix, AZ, 16 April 2011.
- “African American Home Gardening in Greene County, Georgia, 1941: The Challenge of Nature and Race in New Deal Documentary Photography,” Middlebury College Howard Woodin Colloquium Series, in cooperation with Symposium, “Land and Justice,” 7 April 2011, Middlebury College.
- Co-organizer, runner, and participant, Mellon Collaborative Workshop on Nature, Race, and Pedagogy (with Susan Burch, Middlebury CCSRE), Middlebury College, 15-17 Oct 2010.
- Comment, Panel Session, “It Seemed Like a Good Marriage: Does Environmental History Still Need the West?” Western History Association, Denver, CO, 8 October 2009.
- Moderator, Panel Session, “The Place of Environmental History in Campus Sustainability,” American Society for Environmental History, Tallahassee, FL, 28 February 2009.
- Moderator, Panel Session, “Opening the Visual West: Images and History in the Digital Age,” Western History Association Annual Conference, Salt Lake City, UT, 23 October 2008.
- “The View from Here: Teaching Environmental History Through Images,” Invited Talk, Bryn Mawr Center for Visual Culture, Colloquium for Visual Culture, 19 March 2008.
- Roundtable Organizer and Participant, “Finding the Edge: Writing Expansive Environmental History,” American Society for Environmental History, Baton Rouge, LA, 1 March 2007.
- “What Environmental History Offers to Environmental Journalism,” invited talk, Society of Environmental Journalists, Burlington, VT, 29 October 2006.
- “The Nature of War: Environment and History at Mount Independence,” Mount Independence State Historic Site, Orwell, VT, 12 August 2006.
- Comment, “Science, the State, and the West,” Agricultural History Society, Cambridge, MA, 16 June 2006.
- “The View from Here: Environmental History through Historical Images and Photographs.” Howard Woodin Environmental Studies Colloquium, Middlebury College, 31 March 2005
- “American Environmental History: The State of the Field,” Invited Talk, Workshop on Environmental History at New England Colleges, Smith College, Northampton, MA, 26-28 May 2004.

- “Teaching Changes in the Land,” American Society for Environmental History, 27 March 2003, Providence, Rhode Island.
- “From the edge of human endurance to civilized adventure”: The Chilkoot Trail as Image and Industrial Journey,” Western History Association, 18 October 2002, Colorado Springs Colorado.
- “The Nature of Gold: The Alaska/Yukon Gold Rush and the Industrial Relationship with Nature,” Dartmouth College Environmental Studies Colloquium, Dartmouth College, Hanover, NH, 7 Nov. 2002.
- “Roundtable: Teaching Environmental History in an Environmental Studies Program,” American Society for Environmental History, 22 March 2002, Denver, CO.
- “Nature and Work, Nature and Culture: Alaska/Yukon Gold Miners,” American Society for Environmental History, 16 March 2000, Tacoma, WA.
- “The Nature of Gold: Culture and Nature in the Alaska/Yukon Gold Rush,” Invited Talk, Abernethy Series, Middlebury College, 2 November 1999, Middlebury, VT.
- Commentary: “Alaska’s Importance to the American West,” Western History Association, 7 Oct 1999, Portland, Oregon.
- “A Report From the Field: Alaskan Environmental History,” Environmental Studies Colloquium Talk, Middlebury College, 29 October 1998.
- “Seattle Arrives: Northwest Trade and Environmental Change in the 1890s,” Western History Association 15 Oct. 1998, Sacramento, CA.
- “The Ecology of the Gold Rush,” Invited Talk for Last Frontier—Last Wilderness, An Alaska Environmental History Conference, 1-4 August 1998, Anchorage, Alaska.
- “The Klondike Gold Rush,” On-line Curriculum Packet and Guide for Secondary Schools in Washington, Center for the Study of the Pacific Northwest, 1997.
<http://www.washington.edu/uwired/outreach/cspn/html/cmat.html>
- “Nature, Culture, and Wealth: The Environmental History of Gold in Seattle and Alaska,” Western History Association, Lincoln, Nebraska, October 1996.
- “Nature, Culture, and Wealth: Toward an Environmental History of Gold in the 1890s,” Environmental Cultures: Historical Perspectives, University of Victoria, Victoria, British Columbia, April 1996.
- “Creating Alaska: The Seattle Chamber of Commerce and the Alaska Railroad Bill of 1914,” Power and Place in the Pacific Northwest, Center for the Study of the Pacific Northwest, Seattle, WA, November, 1994.
- “Measuring Water: The Irrigation Exchange System in Cache Valley, Utah, 1860-1916,” American Society for Environmental History, Pittsburgh, PA, March 1993.

Middlebury College Service

Elected Committees:

Educational Affairs Committee 2006-2007, 2008-2009, 2009-2012
Faculty Council, 2002-2004.

Chair/Directorship:

Chair, Department of History, Fall 2014-

Director, Program in Environmental Studies, Fall 2008-Spring 2011.

Other Middlebury College Service:

Mentor, Dissertation Fellowship Program, 2011-12.

Co-organizer and sponsor, joint symposium of Program in Environmental Studies and Center for the Comparative Study of Race and Ethnicity, "Land and Justice," 7-10 April 2011.

Member, Environmental Studies Steering Committee, 1998-

Member, William Catton Prize Committee, for best thesis on an American topic, 2009-

Contributor, "Academic Minute," WAMC Radio, show airing September 2010.

Co-organizer and participant, Mellon Funded Assembly retreat on Senior work for Interdisciplinary Programs, February 13, 2009.

Delegate/participant, Mellon 23 Assembly on Faculty Student Research, Wellesley College, February 6-7, 2009.

Member, Athletic Director Search Committee, Spring 2006.

Member, Curriculum Committee, 2005-2006.

Member, Hillcrest Environmental Center Building Committee, 2005.

History Department Representative, Starr Axinn Building Committee, 2005.

Member, Task Force on Faculty Resources, Strategic Plan, 2004-2005.

Member, Starr-Axinn Building Planning Committee, 2004-2006.

Member, Environmental Council, 1998-2000.

Member, Environmental Peak Task Force, 2000.

Session Chair, "Northeastern Wilderness in Context," Middlebury College Bicentennial Symposium: "Something Wild, Something Managed: Wilderness in the Northeastern Landscape," Oct 5-6, 2000.

Participant for Middlebury E.S. Program, Annual NEES Conference (New England Env. Studies Group), Keene, NH, Nov. 6-8, 1998.

Outside Member, Economics Dept. Hiring Committee, Spring 1999.

Participant, "A Closer Look," Faculty Panel on Commons for Parents, April 1999.

Academic Service—Beyond Middlebury College

Workshop Leader, Mining for Minerals/Gold Rush for Public School Teachers, American Antiquarian Society, 22 June 2013.

Hal K. Rothman Prize Committee, Western History Association, 2011-13.

Nominating Committee, American Society for Environmental History, 2009-

Graphics Editor, Environmental History, 2003-2007.

Nominating Committee, Western History Association, 2007-2008.

Chair, Program Committee, Annual Meeting of the American Society for Environmental History, St. Paul, MN, March 29-April 2, 2006

Participant and Founding Member, Annual Conference of WHINERs (Western Historians in the New England Region), 2006-

Workshop Leader, Western History Workshop for Public School Teachers, Worcester Public

Schools, American Antiquarian Society, 3 May 2008.
 External Review Team, Macalester College Environmental Studies Program, St. Paul,
 Minnesota, October 2006.
 External Review Team, Skidmore College Environmental Studies Program, Saratoga Springs,
 NY, 16-18 April 2006.

Book and Article Manuscript Referee Work

Article Referee, Journal of American History, 2012- (1 ms. since June 2004)
 Article Referee, Pacific Northwest Quarterly, 1997- (3 ms. since June 2004)
 Article Referee, Western Historical Quarterly, 1997- (4 ms. since June 2004)
 Article Referee, Environmental History, 2002- (2 ms. since June 2004)
 Article Referee, Technology and Culture, 2011- (1 ms. since June 2004)
 Article Referee, Urban History Review, 2005- (1 ms. since June 2004)
 Article Referee, Technology and Culture, 2011 (1 ms. since June 2004)

Book Manuscript Reviewer, Harvard University Press, 2007- (2 ms. since June 2004)
 Book Manuscript Reviewer, University of Washington Press, 1997- (2 ms. since June 2004)
 Book Manuscript Reviewer, University Press of Kansas, 2009- (1 ms. since June 2004)
 Book Manuscript Reviewer, Bedford-St. Martin's Press, 2004- (1 ms. since June 2004)
 Book Manuscript Reviewer, Oxford University Press, 2000- (1 ms. since June 2004)
 Book Manuscript Reviewer, Routledge, 2011- (1 ms. since June 2004)
 Book Manuscript Reviewer, Univ. of Chicago Press, 2011- (2 ms. since June 2004)
 Book Manuscript Reviewer, Indiana University Press, 2004.

Courses Taught—Middlebury College History Department and Program in Environmental Studies

Introduction to Environmental History
 History of the American West
 History of the United States, 1492-1860
 History of the United States, 1860-1960
 Readings in American Environmental History
 Readings in American Western History
 Writing and Research in American History
 Writing and Research in History Seminar (HIST 600)
 Senior Thesis in History (HIST 700)
 Nature's Meanings: American Experiences
 Environmental Studies 401: Senior Seminar
 First-Year Seminar: The American West in the 20th Century
 First-Year Seminar: American Memoirs: The Past Through Individual Experience
 First-Year Seminar: Photography in American History
 First-Year Seminar: Picturing Nature: American Environmental Images Through Time

Winter Term: Consuming Desires: Consumption in American History and Culture
Winter Term: History Department Senior Thesis Workshop

Community Service

Member, Town of Weybridge Conservation Commission, 2002-2009.

Member, Board of Directors, and Lemon Fair Water Quality Sampling Coordinator, Addison County Riverwatch Collaborative, 2003-present

Chair, Community Information Panel on Green Mountain National Forest Plan, Rutland, VT, 7 February 2002.

Radio Interview, WFAD, 1490 A.M., "Thinking Globally, Acting Locally," on Environmental History of Otter Creek Swamps, 18 August 2000.

Bicentennial Literacy Reading Tutor, Mary Johnson Elementary, Middlebury, VT, Spring 1999.

References

Prof. Richard White, Stanford University Department of History

Prof. William Cronon, University of Wisconsin-Madison Department of History

Prof. Matthew Klinge, Bowdoin College Dept of History

Prof. Will Nash, Middlebury College Program in American Studies

Prof. Martha A. Sandweiss, Princeton University Department of History