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Positions

Associate Professor of History, Sam Houston State University
May 2011-Continuing

Assistant Professor of History, Sam Houston State University
August 2006-2011

Assistant Professor of History, Western Illinois University
August 2005-May 2006

Assistant Professor of History, Culver-Stockton College
August, 2002-August 2005

Instructor, Columbia College Evening Program
January, 2002-August, 2002

Senior Information Specialist, University of Missouri
May, 2001-August, 2002

Education

Ph.D., History, Washington State University, 2004

Dissertation Title: *Finding the River: The Destruction and Restoration of the Kennebec and Elwha Rivers*

Major Field: American History

Minor Fields: Environmental and Latin American History

M.A., History, Washington State University, 1998

Thesis Title: *A Tale of Two Rivers: History and Change on the Elwha River*

Major Field: U.S. History emphasizing Environmental and Pacific Northwest History

Minor Field: Latin American history

B.A., American Studies, The Evergreen State College, 1993

Courses Taught:

Graduate Courses:

The American West, The History Writing Seminar

Upper-Level Courses

Emergence of Modern America, History of the Great Depression and World War II, The Atomic Age, American Public History, The American Century in Music and Cinema, The Civil War and Reconstruction, Pacific Northwest History, History of the American West, American

Environmental History, World War II, American Historiography, Honors War and Violence in American Culture

Surveys

United States History to 1865, United States History from 1865, History of World Civilizations to 1500, History of World Civilizations from 1500

On-line and Extended Degree Program Courses

History of American Ecological Protest-New School University Online
Pacific Northwest History-Washington State University

Scholarship

Manuscripts:

Contracted with University of Colorado to publish *The Politics of Hope: Ecological Democracy in American History* in the spring of 2013

Contracted with Routledge Press to publish *The Environment in American History: Nature and the Formation of the United States* in the fall of 2013

Publications

Books

12/11 *Finding the River: An Environmental History of the Elwha River* was published by Oregon State University Press

1/09 *Natural Protest: Essays on the History of American Environmentalism* was published by Routledge Press. I am co-editor of this book with Dr. Michael Egan of McMaster University

Peer-Reviewed Articles

11/11 “‘A Grand Destiny is Ours’: The Damming and Restoration of the Elwha River” published in the Fall, 2011 issue of *The Journal of the West*

6/11 “You Are Either in the Van or Out of the Van: Pedagogy and Life on the ‘West Trip’” published in the Summer, 2011 issue of *The Journal of the West*

11/09 “‘Setting the River Free’: The Removal of the Edwards Dam and the Restoration of the Kennebec River,” published in the Fall, 2009 issue of *The Journal of Water History*

11/08 “Fancy Foreshadowed A Magnificent Destiny”: The Market Revolution and the Kennebec River Dam Fight,” was published in *Natural Protest: Essays on the History of American Environmentalism*

9/02 “Protesting Monuments to Progress: A Comparative Study of Protests against Four Dams, 1838-1953,” published in the Fall 2002 issue of the *Oregon Historical Quarterly*

Non Peer-Reviewed Articles

10/03 “The Elwha Dam: Economic Gain Wins Out Over Saving Salmon Runs,” in the Fall 2003 issue of *Columbia*

Reviews

5/11 Review of *Leopold’s Shack and Rickett’s Lab: The Emergence of Environmentalism* in the Spring, 2011 issue of *Environmental History*

1/09 Review of *Nature’s New Deal: The Civilian Conservation Corps and the Roots of the American Environmental Movement* in the January, 2009 issue of *Environmental History*

4/07 Review of *Texas Rattlesnake Tales* published in *The Journal of South Texas*

6/05 Review of *Fish versus Power: An Environmental History of the Fraser River* published on H-environment

10/03 Review of *Restoring Puget Sound Rivers* published on H-Environment

6/03 Review of *Around the Sound: A History of Howe Sound-Whistler* in the Spring 2003 issue of the *Pacific Northwest Quarterly*

4/03 Review of *Watershed: The Undamming of America* published in the Spring 2003 issue of the *Oregon Historical Quarterly*

9/02 Review of *Seeking El Dorado: African Americans in California* published in the Fall 2002 issue of the *Oregon Historical Quarterly*

Encyclopedia Entries

11/10 Essays titled, “Wallace Stegner,” “Terry Tempest Williams,” “Bacon’s Rebellion,” “Salmon,” “Frederick Weyerhauser,” and “Barry Lopez” for the *Encyclopedia of American Environmental History*

1/07 Essay titled, “The American West,” was published in *The Encyclopedia of the Homefront: Britain, Canada, and the United States During World War I and World War II*

2/04 Essay titled “Dams, Reservoirs, and Artificial Lakes,” published in the *Encyclopedia of World Environmental History* by Routledge Press

4/01 Two entries published in *The Encyclopedia on the Great Depression and the New Deal*. My entries are on the Civilian Conservation Corps and the Southern Tenant Farmer’s Union

10/00 Review of *Nature’s Fading Chorus* on H-Net

Public History

10/02 Brochure Published by the University of Missouri on the history of Stephens Hall for that building's rededication

Current Projects

I am a member of a group of faculty at Sam Houston State University working on a digital history of the Huntsville/East Texas Region. This project has won two grants so far, one external and one internal. The site provides both narratives on multiple topics from the region and primary sources. My current project is an environmental history of the Huntsville and Piney Woods region with a close analysis of land-use practices and ecological change over the course of the nineteenth century.

Conferences

- 4/11 "Climate Change and Pacific Northwest Salmon: Adaptive Strategies and Narrative Approaches to Salmon Preservation and Restoration," presented at the American Society of Environmental History Conference in April, 2011
- 10/09 "Torn Wires and Competing Telegrams: Information Technology in the Johnson County Range War," presented at the Western Historical Association Conference in Denver, Colorado
- 9/09 "Climate Change and Pacific Northwest Salmon: Adaptive Strategies and Narrative Approaches to Salmon Preservation and Restoration," presented at the First World Congress of Environmental History in Copenhagen, Denmark
- 8/08 "Just Another Land and Labor Conflict: The Events Leading up to the Johnson County Range War," presented at the AHAPCB Conference in Pasadena, California
- 9/07 "Lonesome and Lovelorn in Cincinnati, Texas: The Yearnings and Complaining of John Felix Kelly, 1868" presented at the East Texas Historical Association Conference in Nacogdoches, Texas.
- 2/07 "This Promising, Stubborn, and Polluted Soil: The Interpretation of Landscape in East Texas Memoirs" presented at the Southwest/Texas American Cultures Conference in Albuquerque, New Mexico
- 4/06 "Protesting Monuments to Progress: The Tradition of Dissent Against Dams in American History" presented at the Western Illinois University 31st Annual History Conference
- 3/06 "A Vociferous But Unknown Protest: Opposition to the Mermamec Basin Plan of 1949" presented at the 2006 American Society of Environmental History Conference in St. Paul, Minnesota
- 4/04 Commentator for a session at the 2004 Great River Conference

- 4/04 Organized the Great River Conference: A Conference for Senior History and Political Science Majors from Regional Colleges hosted by Culver-Stockton College
- 3/04 Commentator for a session at the 2004 Phi Alpha Theta Conference in Omaha, Nebraska
- 4/03 "A Return to Nature: How Conservationists and Scientists Rebuilt Missouri's Nature and Wildlife," presented at the 2003 Missouri Conference on History in Cape Girardeau, Missouri
- 2/03 Commentator for a session at the 2003 Phi Alpha Theta Conference in Springfield, Missouri
- 11/02 "The Western Man: From Stoicism to Chatter: Representations of Masculinity in *Yojimbo*, *A Fistful of Dollars*, and *Last Man Standing*," at the American West(s) Conference in Kansas City, Missouri
- 5/02 "The Commons Aren't So Common Anymore: Protesting a Maine Dam During the Market Revolution," at the 2002 Annual Meeting of the Environmental Studies Association of Canada, in Toronto, Ontario
- 3/02 "Doing Battle With the Dam Builders: A Comparative Study of the Efforts to Block the Lower Snake River and the Echo Park Dams," at the American Society of Environmental Historians Conference in Denver, Colorado
- 4/01 "Forgotten Dissent: Early Protests Against the Building of the Edwards, Elwha, and Lower Snake River Dams," at the 2001 Pacific Northwest History Conference in Portland, Oregon
- 8/00 "Constructing Consensus, Confronting Obstruction: Why the Elwha River Dams Still Stand," at the 2000 Pacific Coast Branch of the American Historical Association Meeting in Park City, Utah
- 4/98 "Meaning Runs Through It: The Elwha River in the Environmental Era," presented at the Pacific Northwest History Conference in Boise, Idaho
- 4/96 "A Tale of Two Rivers: Elwha River Past and Present," presented at the Environmental Cultures/Historical Perspectives Conference sponsored by the University of Victoria in Victoria, British Columbia

Awards and Grants

- 5/11 Travel Fellowship from the American Heritage Center at the University of Wyoming
- 4/11 Sam Houston State University Summer Faculty Research Grant

- 10/08 Awarded the Sam Houston State University History Department Excellence in Teaching Award
- 5/07 Travel Fellowship from the American Heritage Center at the University of Wyoming
- 4/01 The Summer Pettyjohn Research Fellowship
- 3/01 First Place in the Wiley Exposition Competition
- 1/01 Pettyjohn Research Fellowship
- 4/00 Claudius O. and Mary W. Johnson Graduate Fellowship for Excellence in Research
- 9/99 Thomas S. Foley Institute of Public Policy Fellowship

Professional Activities & Organizations

American Historical Association
Phi Alpha Theta
American Society for Environmental History

Professional Service

Faculty Senate 2009-continuing
Chair of the Ben Powell Writing Awards Committee 2006-2010
Research Seminar Revision Committee 2010-continuing

I served on the following committees while at Culver-Stockton College: Academic Council, General Education, Study Abroad, and the Landscape Restoration Committee

Faculty Adviser for Phi Alpha Theta (at Culver-Stockton)
Faculty Adviser for the Student Government Association (at Culver-Stockton)
Faculty Adviser for Student Environmental Organization 2007-