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Positions

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

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:

Upper-Level Courses

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

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

Manuscript titled *Finding the River: An Environmental History of the Elwha River* is under review by Oregon State University Press.

Publications

- 6/05 Review of *Fish versus Power: An Environmental History of the Fraser River* published on H-environment
- 5/05 Essay titled "The West" to be published in the Encyclopedia of the Home Front in World War One and World War Two
- 2/04 Essay titled "Dams, Reservoirs, and Artificial Lakes," published in the Encyclopedia of World Environmental History by Routledge Press
- 10/03 Review of *Restoring Puget Sound Rivers* published on H-Environment
- 10/03 "The Elwha Dam: Economic Gain Wins Out Over Saving Salmon Runs," in the Fall 2003 issue of *Columbia*
- 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*
- 10/02 Brochure Published by the University of Missouri on the history of Stephens Hall for that building's rededication
- 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*
- 9/02 Review of *Seeking El Dorado: African Americans in California* published in the Fall 2002 issue of the *Oregon Historical Quarterly*
- 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

Conferences

- 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

- 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

I have served on the following committees: Academic Council, General Education, Study Abroad, and the Landscape Restoration Committee

Faculty Adviser for Phi Alpha Theta
Faculty Adviser for the Student Government Association

Guest Lectures and Public Presentations

- 10/04 Guest lecture on the Fugitive Slave Act for an American Literature course
- 1/04 Presentation for the Culver-Stockton College “Food for Thought” series on the origins of conservation in Missouri
- 10/03 Guest lecture for an Asian History class, “The presence of Buddhist ideas and Traditional Japanese Theater in Akira Kurosawa’s *Throne of Blood*”
- 11/02 Presentation for the “Food for Thought” series on the importance of Barbara McClintock’s work in genetics and the different interpretations of her life and work in biographies by Evelyn Fox Keller and Nathaniel Comfort.