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Born May 17, 1951, in Banning, California
Married to Jeffrey W. Limerick, Architect (Deceased)
Married to J. Houston Kempton November 4, 2007

EDUCATION:

University of California, Santa Cruz, American Studies, B.A., 1972.
Yale University, American Studies, Ph.D., 1980.

TEACHING POSITIONS:

Yale University, Teaching Assistant, 1974-1976

Yale University, Acting Instructor, American Studies, 1976-1978; Instructor, College Seminar Program, 1978-1980

Harvard University, Assistant Professor of History, 1980-1984

University of Colorado, Boulder, Assistant Professor of History, 1984-1987

University of Colorado, Boulder, Associate Professor of History, 1987-1991

University of Colorado, Boulder, Professor of History, 1991--; Professor of Environmental Studies, 2001--; Chair of the Board and Faculty Director, Center of the American West, 1995--.

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS:

Charles Warren Fellow, Harvard University, 1983-1984

Dean's Writing Prize for Best Book in the Social Sciences, University of Colorado, Boulder, 1986
(Desert Passages)

Chancellor's Writing Prize for Best Book in the Humanities, University of Colorado, Boulder, 1988
(Legacy of Conquest)

Council for the Advancement and Support of Education Gold Medalist, 1988 (one of nine runners-

up nationally for Professor of the Year)

American Council of Learned Societies Fellowship, for fall of 1989

University of Colorado Faculty Fellowship, for the academic year 1989-1990

University of California, Santa Cruz, 1990, Alumni Achievement Award

State Humanist of the Year, 1992, Colorado Endowment for the Humanities

MacArthur Fellow, 1995-2000

Hazel Barnes Prize, University of Colorado, 2001 (the campus' highest faculty prize for teaching and research)

Honorary Doctor of Social Sciences degree, Colorado College, Colorado Springs, CO, May 19, 2008

Distinguished Achievement Award Recipient (with William Kittredge) from the Western Literature Association, 2008

Robert L. Stearns Award Recipient, University of Colorado Alumni Association, May 6, 2009

Governor Paddock Award, Boulder History Museum, October 10, 2009

Honorary Lifetime Membership, Western History Association, October 15, 2011

Earle A. Chiles Award, The Chiles Foundation, Portland, OR, December 6, 2011

Bonfils-Stanton Award for Arts & Humanities, Bonfils-Stanton Foundation, Denver, CO, May 18, 2012

Co-investigator, National Science Foundation Sustainability Research Network Grant, 5-year project funded at \$12 million

Barbara Sudler Award, History Colorado, Denver, CO, November 20, 2014

2015 Eleanor Gehres Award, Denver Public Library, Denver, CO, September 17, 2015

PUBLICATIONS:

BOOKS

Desert Passages: Encounters with the American Deserts. Albuquerque: University of New Mexico Press, 1985.

The Legacy of Conquest: The Unbroken Past of the American West. New York: W.W. Norton & Company, 1987.

A Society to Match the Scenery. Gary Holthaus, Patricia Nelson Limerick, and Charles Wilkinson, eds. Niwot: University Press of Colorado, 1991. Including Limerick, “Progress or Decline: Evaluating Western History.”

Trails: Toward a New Western History. Patricia Nelson Limerick, Clyde Milner, and Charles Rankin, eds. Lawrence: University Press of Kansas, 1991. Including Limerick, “The Trail to Santa Fe: The Unleashing of the Western Public Intellectual” and “What on Earth Is the New Western History?”

Something in the Soil: Legacies and Reckonings in the New West. New York: W.W. Norton & Company, 2000.

Seeing and Being Seen: Tourism in the American West. David Wrobel and Patrick T. Long, eds. Lawrence: University Press of Kansas, 2001. Including Limerick, “Seeing and Being Seen: Tourism in the American West.”

The Western Paradox. Bernard DeVoto. Edited and with an introduction by Douglas Brinkley and Patricia Nelson Limerick. New Haven: Yale University Press, 2001.

The Legacy of Conquest: The Unbroken Past of the American West 2006 Re-Release. W.W. Norton & Company, New York, London, Copyright 1987, Re-release took place on February 4, 2006.

Remedies for a New West. Patricia Nelson Limerick, Andrew Cowell, and Sharon Collinge, eds. Tucson: The University of Arizona Press, 2009. Including Limerick, “The Lessons and Lesions of Conquest,” and “Healing the West Over Time.”

A Ditch in Time: The City, the West, and Water. With Jason L. Hanson. Golden, CO: Fulcrum Press, 2012.

ARTICLES / REPORTS

“The American Indian: Here to Stay.” Wilson Quarterly vol. X, no. 1. (New Years 1986).

“Phantom Students: Diagnosis and Cure.” Originally printed in the Harvard Gazette, then reproduced and placed in registration packets for Harvard students, presently reprinted in the Little, Brown Freshman Reader.

“Aloof Professors and Shy Students.” In On Teaching, edited by Mary Ann Shea. University of Colorado Faculty Teaching Excellence Program.

Commentary in response to “The Legacy of Conquest: A Panel of Appraisal.” Western Historical Quarterly vol. 20, no. 3 (August 1989): pp. 303-322.

“The Rendezvous Model of Western History.” In Beyond the Mythic West, Western Governors’ Association. Salt Lake City: Peregrine-Smith, 1990.

“What on Earth Is the New Western History?” Montana: The Magazine of Western History vol. 40, no. 3 (Summer 1990): pp. 6-64.

“Persistent Traits and the Persistent Historian: Ray Allen Billington.” In Writing Western History, edited by Richard Etulain. University of New Mexico Press, 1991.

“The Privileges and Perils of the Western Public Intellectual.” In Encyclia: The Journal of the Utah Academy of Sciences, Arts, and Letters vol. 68 (1991): pp. 1-32.

“The Multicultural Islands.” The American Historical Review vol. 97, no. 1 (February 1992): pp. 121-135.

“Second Views and Second Thoughts.” In Revealing Territory: A Collection of Landscape Photography by Mark Klett. Albuquerque: University of New Mexico Press, 1992.

“Making the Most of Words: Verbal Activity in the American West.” In Under an Open Sky: Rethinking America’s Western Past, edited by William Cronon, George Miles, and Jay Gitlin. New York: W.W. Norton, 1992.

“The Case of the Premature Departure: American History Textbooks and the American West.” Journal of American History vol. 78, no. 4 (March 1992): pp. 1380-1394.

“Imagined Frontiers: Westward Expansion and the Future of the Space Program.” In Space Policy Alternatives, edited by Radford Byerly. Boulder: Westview Press, 1992.

“Disorientation and Reorientation: The American Landscape Discovered from the West.” Journal of American History vol. 79, no. 3 (December 1992): pp. 1021-1049. Reprinted in Discovering America: Essays on the Search for an Identity, edited by David Thelen and Frederick E. Hoxie. Urbana: University of Illinois Press, 1994.

“Haunted by Rhyolite: Learning from the Landscape of Failure.” (collaboration with photographer Mark Klett.) American Art vol. 6, no. 4 (Fall 1992). Reprinted in The Big Empty: Essays on the Land as Narrative, edited by Leonard Engel. Albuquerque: University of New Mexico, 1994.

“The Significance of Hanford in American History.” Washington Comes of Age, edited by David Stratton. Washington State: University Press, 1993.

“The Mountain West.” (with Aimee Nicole Blagg) and “The Natural Environment: The West.” (with W. Clark Whitehorn). In Encyclopedia of American Social History, edited by Mary Kupiec Cayton, Elliott J. Gorn, and Peter W. Williams. New York: Scribners, 1993.

“The Canon Debate from a Historian’s Perspective.” Journal of Legal Education vol. 43, no. 1 (March 1993): pp. 4-10.

“What Raymond Chandler Knew and Western Historians Forgot.” In Old West, New West, edited

by Barbara Meldrum. Moscow: University of Idaho Press, 1993.

“Precedents to Wisdom,” Montana: The Magazine of Western History. Autumn 1993: 63-66.

“Dancing with Professors: The Trouble with Academic Prose.” New York Times Book Review, October 31, 1993.

“Impure Thoughts from Impure Places.” In Arrested Rivers: Paintings of Chuck Forsman. Boulder: University Press of Colorado, 1994.

“John Sutter: Prototype for Failure.” In John Sutter and a Wider West, edited by Kenneth Owens. Lincoln: University of Nebraska Press, 1994.

“The Adventures of the Frontier in the Twentieth Century.” In The Frontier in American Culture: Essays by Richard White and Patricia Nelson Limerick, edited by James Grossman. Berkeley: University of California Press, 1994.

“Banning Writ Large.” In The Stories That Shape Us, edited by Teresa Jordan and James Hepworth. New York: W.W. Norton, 1995. pp. 216-232.

“Will the Real Californian Please Stand Up?” California History vol. LXXIII (Winter 1994/1995): pp. 262-277.

“Haunted America.” In Sweet Medicine: Sites of Indian Massacres, Battlefields, and Treaties: Photographs by Drex Brooks. Albuquerque: University of New Mexico Press, 1995: pp. 119-163.

“Turnerians All: The Hope for a Helpful History in an Intelligible World.” American Historical Review vol. 100, no. 3 (June 1995): pp. 697-716.

“The Frontier.” In Handbook of American Thought, edited by Richard Fox and James Kloppenberg. Oxford, U.K.: Blackwell, 1995: pp. 255-259.

“Peace Initiative: Using the Mormons to Rethink Ethnicity in American History.” Journal of Mormon History vol. 21, no. 2 (Fall 1995): pp. 1-29.

“The West” (with Jon Coleman). In The Encyclopedia of the United States in the Twentieth Century, edited by Stanley Kutler. New York: Charles Scribner’s Sons, 1995: pp. 81-99.

“Common Cause? Asian American and Western American History.” In Privileging Positions: the Sites of Asian American Studies, edited by Gary Okihiro. Pullman: Washington State University Press, 1995: pp. 83-99.

“Reason and Region.” In All Over the Map, edited by Edward Ayer, Patricia Nelson Limerick, Stephen Nissenbaum, and Peter Onuf. Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, 1996: pp. 83-104.

“The Real West.” In The Real West (a catalogue for a collaborative exhibit of the Colorado Historical Society, the Denver Art Museum, and the Denver Public Library), 1996: pp. 13-22.

“Believing in the American West.” In The West, edited by Geoffrey Ward. New York: Knopf, 1996: pp. 207-213.

“A Pleasant Fellow in a Not So Pleasant Place: J. Smeaton Chase and His Trail of Good Nature.” (with Sharyn Yeoman). In Perpetual Mirage: The Desert West in Photographic Books and Prints. New York: Whitney Museum of American Art, 1996: pp. 99-103.

“Explaining Ourselves: Jefferson, History, and the Changing West.” In Thomas Jefferson and the Changing West: From Conquest to Conservation, edited by James P. Ronda. Albuquerque: University of New Mexico Press, 1997: pp. 185-194.

“Insiders and Outsiders: The Borders of the USA and the Limits of the ASA.” Presidential Address to the American Studies Association. American Quarterly vol. 49, no. 3 (September 1997): pp. 449-469.

“Has Minority History Transformed the Historical Discourse?” American Historical Association Perspectives vol. 35, no. 8 (November 1997): pp. 1, 32-36.

“The Shadows of Heaven Itself.” In The Atlas of the New West, edited by William Riebsame. New York: W.W. Norton, 1997: pp. 151-178.

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“The Realization of the American West.” In The New Regionalism, edited by Charles Reagan Wilson. Jackson: University Press of Mississippi, 1998: pp. 71-98.

“Seeing and Being Seen: Tourism in the American West.” In Over the Edge: Remapping the American West, edited by Valerie Matsumoto and Blake Allmendinger. Berkeley: University of California Press, 1999: pp. 15-31.

“J.B. Jackson and The Play of the Mind: Inquiry and Assertion as Contact Sports.” Geographical Review vol. 88, no. 4 (October 1998): pp. 482-491.

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“Land, Justice, and Angie Debo: Telling the Truth To – and About – Your Neighbors.” Great Plains Quarterly vol. 21, no. 4 (Fall 2001): pp. 261-173.

“Hoping Against History: Environmental Justice in the Twenty-First Century.” In Justice and Natural Resources, edited by Kathryn Mutz. Washington, D.C.: Island Press, 2002.

“Forestry and Modern Environmentalism: Ending the Cold War.” Journal of Forestry vol. 100, no. 8 (December 2002): pp. 46-50.

“Boom and Bust in the American West.” (with William Travis and Tamar Scoggin.) A Center of the American West Report, 2002.

“What Every Westerner Should Know about Energy.” (with Claudia Puska.) A Center of the American West Report, 2003.

“Making the Most of Science in the American West.” (with Claudia Puska.) A Center of the American West Report, 2003.

“J.B. Jackson and the Play of the Mind: Inquiry and Assertion as Contact Sports.” In Everyday America: Cultural Landscape Studies after J.B. Jackson, edited by Chris Wilson and Paul Groth, Berkeley: University of California Press, 2003.

“Empire and Amnesia.” In “The American West Enters the Twenty-First Century: Appraisals on the State of a Field.” Special issue, The Historian vol. 66, no. 3, edited by David M. Wrobel (Fall 2004): pp. 532-539.

“The Lessons and Lesions of History: Yellowstone and Progress.” In People and Place: The Human Experience in Greater Yellowstone, edited by Paul Schullery. Yellowstone National Park: Yellowstone Center for Resources, 2004.

Foreword to Sonoita Plain: Views from a Southwestern Grassland. Jane Bock and Carl Bock. Tucson: The University of Arizona Press, 2005.

“Cleaning Up Abandoned Hardrock Mines in the West: Prospecting for a Better Future.” (with Joseph N. Ryan, Timothy R. Brown, and T. Allan Comp.) A Center of the American West Report, 2006.

“Western American Art: Celebrating the Burden of Popularity.” In Redrawing Boundaries: Perspectives on Western American Art, edited by Peter Hassrick. Institute of Western American Art: Denver Art Museum in association with the University of Washington Press, 2007.

“What Every Westerner Should Know About Energy Efficiency and Conservation: A Guide to a New Relationship” (with Howard Geller), Center of the American West and Southwest Energy Efficiency Project, Reports from the Center Series, 2007.

“Tales of Western Adventure.” The Chronicle of Higher Education. Vol 54, Issue 55: May 9, 2008.

“Tales of Western Adventure.” Antipode. 40:3 (June, 2008): 357-364.

“Tales of Western Adventure.” In Practising Public Scholarship: Experiences and the Possibilities Beyond the Academy, edited by Katharyne Mitchell. Malden, MA: Wiley-Blackwell, 2008.

“Fire Alarm: Historians, and Thorstein Veblen, to the Rescue.” Forest History Today. Fall 2008: 40-46.

Foreword to Shadows at Dawn: A Borderlands Massacre and the Violence of History. Karl Jacoby. New York: The Penguin Press, 2008. xv-xix.

“One Hundred Years of the Bureau of Reclamation: Looking from the Outside In.” In The Bureau of Reclamation: History Essays from the Centennial Symposium, 2 volumes, edited by Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation. Denver, CO: Government Printing Office, 2008.

“High Energy Prices & Low-Income Americans: Reducing the Risk of Unintended Injury” (with Jason L. Hanson), Center of the American West, Reports from the Center Series, 2008.

“The Political History of the Rocky Mountain Region” (with Marcia Goldstein). In The Princeton Encyclopedia of American Political History, edited by Michael Kazin, Rebecca Edwards, and Adam Rothman. Princeton University Press, 2009.

“What Every Westerner Should Know About Oil Shale” (with Jason L. Hanson), Center of the American West, Reports from the Center Series, 2009.

“Examining ‘The Heart of the West.’” The Public Historian, 31:4 (November 2009): pp. 90-96.

“Policy Guidance for identifying and effectively managing perpetual environmental impacts from new hardrock mines” (With Houston Kempton, Thomas A. Bloomfield, and Jason L. Hanson) Environmental Science & Policy, 13:6 (October 2010): 558-566.

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“Water Development: The Plot Thickens.” In A Companion to American Environmental History, edited by Douglas Cazaux Sackman. Malden, Massachusetts: Wiley-Blackwell, 2010. 375-393.

“The Fatal West.” In West of 98: Living and Writing the New American West, edited by Lynn Stegner and Russell Rowland. Austin, Texas: University of Texas Press, 2011. 197-202.

“The Repair of the Earth and the Redemption of the Historical Profession.” In The Future of Environmental History: Needs and Opportunities, edited by Kimberly Coulter and Christof Mauch. Munich, Germany: Rachel Carson Center for Environment and Society, 2011. 9-13.

“Everything *and* the Kitchen Sink: Enriching the U.S. History Survey Course with Environmental History.” Organization of American Historians Magazine of History, 25:4 (October 2011): 9-13.

“Fencing in the Past.” Diplomatic History. 36:3 (June 2012): 505-509.

Presidential Column, “Professors—I Need You!” OAH Outlook: a membership newsletter. Volume 3 Number 4. May 2014.

Presidential Column, “Robert Mankoff to Speak at OAH Annual Meeting,” OAH Outlook: a membership newsletter. Volume 3 Number 4. August 2014.

Presidential Column, “Getting Acquainted,” The American Historian, August 2014

Presidential Column, “Name That Speech!” OAH Outlook: a membership newsletter. Volume 3 Number 4. October 2014.

Presidential Column, “Thinking on Time,” The American Historian, November 2014

Book reviews in Western Historical Quarterly, Environmental Review, Business History Review, Arizona and the West, The Yale Review, Reviews in American History, American Historical Review, Journal of American History, Pacific Historical Review, Journal of Interdisciplinary History, New York Times Book Review, The Boston Globe, the Times Literary Supplement, Washington Post Book World, and Los Angeles Times Book Review.

OP-ED PIECES: A PARTIAL LISTING

Columns in USA Today (total of nearly 200); op-ed pieces in Salt Lake City Tribune, Denver Post, Rocky Mountain News, Chronicle of Higher Education, Los Angeles Times, and New York Times.

“What Makes an Indian,” New York Times, April 28, 1996.

“Violence Past and Present,” Denver Post, May 16, 1999.

“Hypocrisy Alarms will Deafen Coloradans in 21st Century,” Rocky Mountain News, December 26, 1999.

“Trading Places to Find a Middle Ground,” Denver Post, January 1, 2000.

“Fresh look at Kit Carson Reveals a Complex Man,” Denver Post, March 12, 2000.

“Of Forty-Niners, Oilmen, and the Dot-Com Boom,” New York Times, May 7, 2000.

“Uncle Sam’s a Guy We Love to Hate,” Headwaters News, August 6, 2000.

“Story of the West Can Be Heard in its Song,” Rocky Mountain News, August 6, 2000.

“Facing Fire: Lessons from the Ashes,” Boulder Camera, July 29, 2001.

“Testing the Limits of the Western Dream,” New York Times, February 20, 2002.

“Followers of Fall,” Daily Camera, June 2, 2002.

“Inexhaustible Resources Still a Popular Myth,” Headwaters News, June 18, 2002.

“A Dream That Dares Disaster,” Los Angeles Times, July 7, 2002.

“Will Our Cherished Western Dream Go Up in Smoke?” Los Angeles Times, July 14, 2002.

“My Visit to the White House,” Coloradan, December 2002.

“Words on Nature Are Not Always Where You Expect Them,” Wilderness, 2002.

Co-authored with Andrew Hildner, “Spacious Western Skies Still Obscured by Pollution,” Daily Camera, January 29, 2003.

“Convening to Plan Traffic Control in the West,” Denver Post, February 16, 2003.

“Regret, Hope and the University of Colorado,” Daily Camera, June 1, 2003.

“West Holds Key to Energy Puzzle,” Denver Post, August 17, 2003.

“For One, Familiarity Breeds Camaraderie,” Rocky Mountain News, September 18, 2003.

“Tradition of Ill Temper Fades to Consensus.” Arizona Republic. May 2, 2004.

Co-authored with Charles Scoggin, “Fourth of July in Colorado: Region Has Grand History of Independence,” Denver Post, July 4, 2004.

Co-authored with Dick Tharp, “Values of Sports Could Help Politics,” Daily Camera, November 17, 2004.

“Hope and Gloom Out West,” New York Times, June 22, 2005.

“Dining with Jeff,” New York Times, June 25, 2005.

“Live Free and Soar,” New York Times, June 29, 2005.

“Make Way for Angels,” New York Times, July 2, 2005.

Co-authored with Tim Brown, “A Way to Clean Up Toxic Mines,” Denver Post, February 5, 2006.

Co-authored with Tim Brown, “Gale Norton’s Legacy” Denver Post, March 19, 2006.

“Fighting Fires in an Overheated Climate,” Los Angeles Times, July 23, 2006.

Co-authored with Howard Geller, “Appeal to Western Pride,” HeadwatersNews.org, July 12, 2007.

“Learning to Speak Western.” The Denver Post “Perspective.” January 25, 2008.

“‘A Full Charge of Relevance’: Public Lands Vision Expands Beyond Possibility, Probability.” Headwaters Magazine Public Lands Issue, Colorado Foundation for Water Education. Summer 2008: 4-7.

“How the West Will Be Won.” The Wall Street Journal. August 23, 2008.

“Western pols often can’t be pigeonholed.” Rocky Mountain News. August 23, 2008.

“Fuzz-y feelings.” Rocky Mountain News. August 26, 2008.

“Do right by Ike.” Rocky Mountain News. August 27, 2008.

“Unearthing a real Democrat.” Rocky Mountain News. August 28, 2008.

“Wanted: A great audience.” Rocky Mountain News. August 29, 2008.

Multiple contributors. “Immigration, on a Practical Level,” in “What the West wants . . . from the Obama administration.” The Denver Post “Perspective.” December 7, 2008.

“Hard to lose that chance to pause and think.” Rocky Mountain News. February 27, 2009.

“Oil shale and its not-so-repetitive past” (with Jason L. Hanson). Headwaters News. August 6, 2009.

“An Invitation to Redemption for Joe Wilson and Van Jones.” The Huffington Post. September 24, 2009.

“A Response to Jeremy Nichols.” The Huffington Post. June 1, 2010.

“Learn more about our public lands.” The Denver Post. September 2, 2012.

“Interferin’ with the Presidential Debates.” The Denver Post. October 22 2012.

“Cliffs in the West,” The Denver Post. December 12, 2012.

“Leave Assumptions Behind,” The Denver Post. January 20, 2013.

“Grandma Nelson’s Land of Opportunity,” The Denver Post. February 17, 2013.

“Geeks of the World, Unite,” The Denver Post. March 17, 2013.

“Does Good Writing Matter?,” The Denver Post. April 21, 2013.

“Now, does reading matter?,” The Denver Post. May 19, 2013.

“What does the pigeon say? Frack!,” The Denver Post. June 16, 2013

“Calling on Stephen Colbert and Co. to put the humor back in humanities,” [The Denver Post](#). July 21, 2013.

“Limerick: In the social media age, voices carry,” [The Denver Post](#). August 16, 2013.

“Limerick: A crash course in risk perception,” [The Denver Post](#). September 14, 2013.

“A History of Good Fortune and Good Intentions,” [The New York Times](#). September 17, 2013.

“Limerick: What congress can learn from a 1930’s western,” [The Denver Post](#). October 12, 2013.

“Limerick: Changing the Conversation over Fracking,” [The Denver Post](#). November 9, 2013.

“Limerick: Nurturing students in a digital world,” [The Denver Post](#). December 13, 2013.

“Limerick: Taking a stand on academic boycott,” [The Denver Post](#). January 10, 2014.

“Limerick: New perspectives on Colorado history?” [The Denver Post](#). February 14, 2014.

“Limerick: Let’s aim to be politically direct not politically correct,” [The Denver Post](#). March 15, 2014.

“Limerick: A run for congress? I wasn’t in my right (or left) mind,” [The Denver Post](#). 18 April 2014.

“Limerick: An invitation to Clive Bundy,” [The Denver Post](#). 16 May 2014.

“Limerick: Meeting the future,” [The Denver Post](#). 21 June, 2014.

“Limerick: With blame out of the way, it’s time to solve these issues,” [The Denver Post](#). 18 July 2014.

“Limerick: Humor, sorrow and Robin Williams’ suicide,” [The Denver Post](#). 16 August 2014.

“Limerick: Armchair Quarterbacks of the World, Unite,” [The Denver Post](#). 19 September 2014.

“Limerick: Let’s meet, talk about history,” [The Denver Post](#). 18 October 2014.

“Limerick: How can we get more of the electorate voting?” [The Denver Post](#). 14 November, 2014.

“Limerick: Looking beyond the race and the riot gear,” [The Denver Post](#). 20 December, 2014.

“Limerick: The complicated history of extraction in Colorado,” [The Denver Post](#). 17 January, 2015.

“Limerick: How ice concentrates the mind,” [The Denver Post](#). 14 February, 2015.

“Limerick: Riding express bus from Denver to Boulder provides true convenience,” The Denver Post, 15 March, 2015.

“Limerick: Campaign bloviation reform,” The Denver Post, 18 April, 2015.

“Limerick: John Wesley Powell, the original credible heretic,” The Denver Post, June 20, 2015.

“Limerick: National Park Service saves more than history (it saved me),” The Denver Post, July 18, 2015.

“Limerick: Hold on to your sense of humor, America,” The Denver Post, September 19, 2015.

“Limerick: The myth of the vanishing Indian,” The Denver Post, October 17, 2015.

“Limerick: The Paradox of Bernard DeVoto,” The Denver Post, November 13, 2015.

“Limerick: Jerk Studies 101,” The Denver Post, December 19, 2015.

TALKS AND PRESENTATIONS

“Reconnecting the Western Past and Present,” Institute of the American West Conference on “Colonies in Revolt,” Sun Valley, ID, July 1981.

“The Burdens of Western American History,” University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT, May 1982.

“Travelers in a Hostile Landscape – Desert Passages” Paper presented to the Western History Association, Salt Lake City, UT, October 1983.

“Closing the Frontier and Opening Western History,” Charles Warren Center, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, April 1984.

“Water in Western American History,” West Point Military Academy, West Point, NY, April 1984.

Comments at session re-evaluating Frederick Jackson Turner, Organization of American Historians, Minneapolis, Minnesota, April 1985.

“The Burdens of Western History,” Pomona College, Claremont, CA, October 1985.

“Journalistic Writing in the West,” Paper presented to the American Studies Association, San Diego, CA, November 1985.

Keynote Address, Conference on Women in Western American History, University of Utah, Salt Lake City, UT, March 1986.

Public lecture and all-day writing workshop, Mountain West Writers’ Conference, Logan, UT,

August 1986.

Public Lecture, Montana State University Humanities Seminars, Bozeman, MT, March 1987.

Miller Lecture on Western American History, University of Utah, May 1987.

Instructor, two-week Summer Institute, Buffalo Bill Historical Center, Cody, WY, June 1987.

Lecture at Annual Meeting of the Colorado Historical Society, Denver, CO, November 1987.

Lecture at Annual Meeting of the Pioneers' Museum, Colorado Springs, CO, January 1988.

Comments at session on Southwestern writers and artists, Rocky Mountain American Studies Association, Albuquerque, NM, March 1988.

Comments at session on Western Women's History, Organization of American Historians, Reno, NV, March 1988.

Donald Thompson Lecture, History Department, University of Wyoming, Laramie, WY, April 1988.

Keynote Address, Pacific Northwest Historical Conference, Tacoma, WA, April 1988.

Lecture in "Trails" Series, American West Center, Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO, June 1988.

Lecture at Donald Worster's NEH College Teachers' Seminar on Western American Environmental History, Logan, UT, July 1988.

Lecture at the conference of the Wyoming Council on the Social Sciences, Cody, WY, October 7, 1988.

Commentator, "Evaluating Patricia Limerick's The Legacy of Conquest," Western History Association, Wichita, KS, October 14, 1988.

"Progress or Decline? Evaluating Western Expansion," at the A Society to Match the Scenery: Shaping the Future of the American West Symposium, University of Colorado, Boulder, CO, October 19, 1988.

Walla Walla Educators' Colloquium Lecture, "Living with the Legacy of Conquest," Walla Walla, WA, February 1989.

"The Significance of Ghost Towns in American History," Walla Walla College Distinguished Scholar Lecture, Walla Walla, WA, February 1989.

Commentator at a session on New Trends in Western American Historiography, Organization of American Historians, April 1989.

“From Warriors to Lawyers: The Native American Rights Fund in Historical Perspective,” at Violence and Resistance in the Americas: The Legacy of Conquest, Columbian Quincentenary Symposium, sponsored by the Smithsonian Institution and the University of Maryland, College Park, MD, May 1989.

“Imagined Frontiers: the American West and the Future of the Space Program,” Sloan Space Policy Workshop, Mountain Research Center, University of Colorado, September 1989.

Speaker at the Western Myth at Anderson Ranch Conference on “The Political Landscape,” Snowmass, CO, October 1989.

Keynote Address, “What Raymond Chandler Knew and Western Historians Forgot,” Western Literature Association, Coeur d’Alene, ID, October 1989.

Commentator at a session on Thomas Jefferson and the West, Western History Association, Tacoma, WA, October 1989.

“Revaluating the American West: The Significance of Ghost Towns in American History,” Paper presented at American Historical Association, San Francisco, CA, December 1989.

“Failure and Defeat in Western Expansion,” Demorest Lecture, Casper College Humanities Festival, Casper, WY, January 1990.

“California and the West: Banning Writ Large,” Address to the California Studies Association, Sacramento, CA, February 1990.

Lecturer, University of Alaska, Anchorage, AK, March 1990.

Coordinator and Introducer, “Inhabiting the Last Best Place: Limits, Opportunities, and the Future of the West,” University of Colorado, Boulder, CO, March 8, 1990.

“The Significance of Hanford in American History,” Pettyjohn Lecture, Washington State University, Pullman, WA, March 25-29, 1990.

Keynote Opening and Closing Addresses, “Water and the West,” Conference of the Arizona State Archives, Tempe, AZ, March 30-31, 1990.

Comments, “The Arts and Material Culture,” American Studies Conference, University of California, Los Angeles, CA, April 12-15, 1990.

“The Significance of Ghost Towns in American History,” Colorado Historical Society, Denver, CO, April 17, 1990.

“Closing the Frontier and Opening Western History,” University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM, April 20, 1990.

“The Legacy of Conquest,” Williams College, Williamstown, MA, April 25, 1990.

Instructor, "And They All Lived Happily Ever After? The Twentieth Century West," Buffalo Bill Historical Center Summer Institute, Cody, WY, June, 1990.

Panelist, "Beyond the Mythic West," Western Governors' Association, Fargo, ND, July 1990.

Comments at a session on Public History, American Historical Association, Pacific Coast Branch, Salt Lake City, UT, August 1990.

Presentation on the New Western History to Colorado Governor Roy Romer and his senior staff, Denver, CO, September 21, 1990.

"Reopening the Western Frontiers," Headwaters Symposium, Western State College, Gunnison, CO, October 6, 1990.

"Whose West Is It?" Paper presented at American Studies Association, New Orleans, LA, November 2, 1990.

Speaker, "Idaho: The Second Century," Idaho Centennial Symposium, Boise, ID, November 16, 1990.

"John Sutter: Prototype for Failure," Final lecture in Sutter series, California State University, Sacramento, CA, December 5, 1990.

"Living with the Legacy of Conquest," Union Station Museum, Ogden, UT, February 8, 1991.

"Closing the Frontier and Opening Western History," Jersey City State College, Jersey City, NJ, February 20, 1991.

"The Re-Exploration of the American West: The Landscape Photography of Mark Klett," Furniss Lecture, Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO, February 27, 1991.

"Living with the Legacy of Conquest," American Civilization Program, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA, March 4, 1991.

Panelist to launch the "Unsettling the West" exhibit, "The West as America: Reinterpreting Images of the Frontier," National Museum of American Art, Washington, D.C., March 16, 1991.

Public lecture, Smithsonian Associates Program, March 18, 1991.

"The Re-Exploration of the American West," Kenin Lecture, Reed College, Portland, OR, March 27, 1991.

"The Re-Envisioning of the American West." American Civilization Program, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI, April 4, 1991.

Chair and Commentator, session on Mexican-American and Mexican immigration history, Organization of American Historians, Louisville, KY, April 12, 1991.

“The Frontier and the Space Program,” History Honors Lecture, Davidson College, Davidson, NC, April 18, 1991.

Panelist, “Telling the Truth: The Craft of Nonfiction,” State University of New York at Albany Writers’ Institute, Albany, NY, April 20, 1991.

“The Re-Envisioning of the American West,” Lower Columbia Community College, Longview, WA, May 2, 1991.

“The Rewriting of the American West,” Friends of the Marriott Library Annual Meeting, University of Utah, Salt Lake City, UT, May 9, 1991.

“The Perils and Privileges of the Public Intellectual,” Tanner Lecture, Utah Academy of Sciences, Arts, and Letters, Salt Lake City, UT, May 10, 1991.

Opening Speaker for forum on “The West as America” exhibit, National Museum of American Art, Smithsonian, Washington, D.C., June 12, 1991.

“The Forest Reserves and the Argument for a Closing Frontier,” National Forest History Society, National Forests Centennial Conference, Missoula, MT, June 21, 1991.

“The Myth and Reality of Columbus,” Denver Natural History Museum, Denver, CO, June 24, 1991.

Speaker, Wyoming Conference on English, Laramie, WY, June 26-28, 1991.

“The Writing of Western History,” Southwest Texas State University, San Marcos, TX, July 5, 1991.

“Western History and Western Literature,” Fishtrap Writers’ Conference, Wallowa Lake, OR, July 12, 1991.

Faculty Member, United States Information Agency foreign scholars’ program, “American Culture: a Regional Approach,” Santa Fe, NM, July 22-26, 1991.

Public speech and one-day workshop, “The Rewriting of Western History,” Snake River Institute, Jackson, WY, August 2, 1991.

Speaker, “Recovering from Turner,” at “Re-Examining America’s Frontier Heritage: The Eighteenth-Century Backcountry,” Shenandoah University, Winchester, VA, October 11, 1991.

Commentator at session on Sacred Landscapes, Western History Association, Austin, TX, October 17, 1991.

Lorraine Frank Lecture, Arizona Humanities Council, Phoenix, AZ, November 15, 1991.

Presidential Lecture, University of Montana, Missoula, MT, February 13, 1992.

Andrew Norman Lecture, Colorado College, Colorado Springs, CO, March 4, 1992.

Humanities Lecture, University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS, March 26, 1992.

Tandy Lecture, Amon Carter Museum, Fort Worth, TX, April 23, 1992.

“Troubled Land,” Denver Art Museum symposium on the New Western History, Denver, CO, April 25, 1992.

“What Have We Done to the Columbia River?” Great River of the West Symposium, Vancouver, WA, May 3, 1992.

Speech in the “What Is an American?” series of the New York Historical Society, New York, NY, May 12, 1992.

Lecture at Carleton College, Northfield, MN, May 18, 1992.

Commentator, “The New Significance of the American West,” Utah State University, Logan, UT, July 1992.

“The Atomic West,” The University of Washington’s Conference on the Atomic West, Seattle, WA, September 1992.

Panelist on comparisons between Southern and Western history, Western History Association, New Haven, CT, October 1992.

Speech at the Yale Art Gallery, New Haven, CT, October 1992.

“Carey McWilliams Meets Columbus,” Quincentenary series at the University of California Berkeley, CA, October 1992.

Chair and Commentator at session “The West as Place, the West as Process,” American Studies Association, Costa Mesa, CA, November 1992.

Commentator at session on Frontier Paradigms, American Historical Association, Washington, D.C., December 1992.

Presenter, Plenary Session on Multiple Culture and the Law, American Association of Law Schools, San Francisco, CA, January 1993.

“City and Country in the American West: Can This Marriage Be Saved?” Wood Lecture in Agricultural History, Texas Tech University, Lubbock, TX, February 19, 1993.

“Regions and Regionalism,” presented jointly with Professors Edward Ayers and Peter Onuf of the University of Virginia, Harrison Lecture Series, Department of History, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD, March 17-19, 1993.

“Wise Women of the West,” Loyola University, Chicago, IL, March 25, 1993.

“Parts and Whole: Appraising Western Regionalism in American History,” Paper presented at the Organization of American Historians, Anaheim, CA, April 18, 1993.

“Re-Exploring the American West,” Dallas Art Museum, Dallas, TX, April 23, 1993.

Keynote Address, Chisholm Trail Conference, Texas Christian University, Fort Worth, TX, April 25, 1993.

University of Cincinnati Fellows Lecture, “Why the History of the American West Matters,” Cincinnati, OH, May 4, 1993.

“Hope and Despair in Public Lands Management,” At “Conceiving the American West” Conference, Lewis and Clark Law School, Portland, OR, May 13, 1993.

“The Lessons of Kennecott and Ketchikan: What I Missed When I Missed Alaska,” Alaska Humanities Forum Twentieth Anniversary Lecture, Juneau, Fairbanks, and Anchorage, AK, May 20-23, 1993.

“Common Cause? Western American History and Asian American History,” Paper presented at the Association for Asian American Studies, Ithaca, NY, June 4, 1993.

“Saving Professors from Themselves and Detoxifying Academic Prose,” Association of American University Presses, Snowbird, UT, June 27, 1993.

Course and Workshop on Women in Western History, team-taught with Teresa Jordan, Snake River Institute, Wilson, WY, July 15-18, 1993.

Presentations on environmental history, ethnic diversity, women’s history, and Western art, National Endowment for the Humanities-sponsored Institute for Public School Teachers on the American West, University of Colorado, Boulder, CO, July 26-30, 1993.

“Precedents for Wisdom,” Symposium on Wallace Stegner, University of Montana, Missoula, MT, September 17-18, 1993.

“Re-exploring the American West,” Wisconsin State Historical Society, Madison, WI, September 23, 1993.

Keynote Address, “What Frederick Jackson Turner Really Wanted,” Northern Great Plains Historical Conference, Pierre, SD, October 1, 1993.

“The Realization of the American West,” Symposium on the New Regionalism, University of Mississippi, Oxford, MS, October 6-8, 1993.

“Massacres and Memory,” Georgetown School of Law, Washington, D.C., November 4, 1993.

“The Adventures of the Frontier in the Twentieth Century,” Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA, November 18, 1993.

Seminar on Western photographers and painters, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN, December 13, 1994.

“Diversity and Despair,” American Council of Deans, Washington, D.C., January 21, 1994.

“The Columbia River as Environmental Symbol,” Oregon State University, Corvallis, OR, February 10, 1994.

“Oregon as Borderland,” Oregon Historical Society Symposium on Migration into the Pacific Northwest, Portland, OR, February 11, 1994.

“The Legacy of Bernard DeVoto,” DeVoto Conference, Weber State University, Ogden, UT, February 17, 1994.

“Wise Women of the West,” Organization of American Historians Lectureship, University of Missouri, Kansas City, MO, March 21, 1994.

“The Denver Art Museum as the Center of the Universe,” Denver Art Museum, Denver, CO, March 29, 1994.

“The Metropolitan Mountains: Cities in the Shaping of the Northern Rockies,” Conference on Environmental History, University of Montana, Missoula, MT, April 8, 1994.

“Living Right in the Rockies: The Impact of Wallace Stegner’s Thought on Western Architecture” (with Jeffrey W. Limerick), First annual Wallace Stegner Lecture, Montana State University, Bozeman, MT, April 14, 1994.

Commentator at session, “Reorientation of Colonial American History,” Organization of American Historians, Atlanta, GA, April 16, 1994.

“Haunted America,” University of Wisconsin at Whitewater, Whitewater, WI, April 21, 1994.

Plenary session, “Change in the West,” Bureau of Land Management Summit, Incline Village, NV, April 25, 1994.

First presentation in Chairman’s Lecture Series, “New Directions in Western American History,” National Endowment for the Humanities, April 28, 1994.

“Peace Initiative: Using the Mormons to Rethink Ethnicity in American Life,” O.C. Tanner Lecture, Mormon History Association, Orem, UT, May 20, 1994.

Keynote Address, Australian and New Zealand American Studies Association, Melbourne, Victoria, AU, June 28, 1994.

“Space Exploration and the Frontier,” National Aeronautics and Space Administration Conference, “What Is the Value of Space Exploration?” Washington, D.C., July 19, 1994.

Keynote Address, "Will the Real Californian Please Stand Up?" California Historical Society, San Diego, CA, September 16, 1994.

"The New Western History and El Paso," El Paso Humanities Alliance Lecture, El Paso, TX, October 6, 1994.

"The Frontier in Our Times," Newberry Library, Chicago, IL, October 8, 1994.

Commentator at session, "Insects, Nuclear Waste, and Weeds," American Studies Association, Nashville, TN, October 29, 1994.

Concluding Commentary, "Thomas Jefferson and the Changing West: From Conquest to Conservation," Missouri Historical Society, St. Louis, MO, November 18-20, 1994.

"History and the Periphery," Conference in honor of the retirement of K.S. Inglis, Australian National University, Canberra, AU, December 3, 1994.

Commentator, "The Frontier in American Culture," American Historical Association, Newberry Library, Chicago, IL, January 6, 1995.

"Mormonism and Ethnicity," Brigham Young University, Provo, UT, March 1, 1995.

Commentator, "The Cultural Construction of the Western Landscape: Three Visions," American Society of Environmental Historians, Las Vegas, NV, March 9, 1995.

"The Re-Exploration of the American West," Gustavus Adolphus College, Saint Peter, MN, March 23, 1995.

Panelist, "Adventures in Publishing: Writing History for Targeted Markets," Organization of American Historians, Washington, D.C., April 2, 1995.

"Natural Resources Management: A Legacy of Conquest?" at "Paradigms in Transition: Natural Resources Management in the New Century," Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO, April 11, 1995.

"Toward a Less Perfect Union: Rethinking Ethnicity in American Life," Emerson Lecture, Earlham College, Richmond, IN, May 3, 1995.

"The New Western History," New Mexico Endowment for the Humanities, Albuquerque, NM, June 16, 1995.

Keynote Address, Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies, Big Sky, MT, July 18, 1995.

Commentator, "The Construction of Race and Ethnicity in the American West," and "New Perspectives on North American Frontiers," American Historical Association-Pacific Coast Branch, Maui, HI, August 4-5, 1995.

Keynote Address, American Association for State and Local History, Saratoga Springs, NY,

September 8, 1995.

Keynote Address, Twenty-Fifth Anniversary of the Founding of High Country News, September 9, 1995.

“Life and the Wide Open Spaces,” at “Looking at Life,” Conference at University of Colorado, Boulder, CO, September 16, 1995.

“A History of the Public Lands Debate,” at “Challenging Federal Ownership and Management: Public Lands and Public Benefits,” Natural Resources Law Center, University of Colorado, Boulder, CO, October 11, 1995.

Commentator at session, “Lesbian and Gay Communities in the American West,” Western History Association, Denver, CO, October 12, 1995.

“A Just and Honorable West: Western Public Intellectuals and Their Dreams,” Calvin Horn Lectures, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM, October 29-November 1, 1995.

Commentator at session, “North American Frontiers,” American Studies Association, Pittsburgh, PA, November 3, 1995.

“The Atomic West,” Annual Nevada Humanities Lecture, Reno, Elko, and Las Vegas, NV, November 17, 19, and 20, 1995.

“Believing in the American West: Religion and Region,” Annual Duval Lecture, History Department, New Mexico State University, Las Cruces, NM, December 1, 1995.

Panelist, with Arthur Schlesinger, Jr., Gary Nash, Clayborne Carson, Gordon Chang, Albert Camarillo, and George Frederickson, “Cultural Diversity in Writing and Teaching American History,” Stanford University, Stanford, CA, February 9, 1996.

Presenter and co-organizer, “Field Scientists and the Shaping of the American West,” Center of the American West, University of Colorado, Boulder, CO, March 15-16, 1996.

“Believing in the American West,” Annual History Department Lecture, Boise State University, Boise, ID, March 21, 1996.

“Believing in the American West.” George W. Rentschler Lecturer, American Heritage Center, University of Wyoming, Laramie, WY, April 18, 1996.

Keynote Speaker, Twenty-Fifth Anniversary Conference, California Society of Archivists, Riverside, CA, April 26, 1996.

“Expert Fear: Anti-Science Sentiment in the 1990s,” Presentation at session, “Risk Perception and Communication: Academic and Practitioners’ Perspectives,” International High Level Radioactive Waste Management Conference, Las Vegas, NV, May 2, 1996.

“Significance Moves West: Cowboys, Indians, Immigrants, Plutonium Workers, Montana

'Eccentrics,'" at "Breaking Boundaries: The Future of American History," Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, May 6, 1996.

Panelist, "Writing America: Regions, Migrants, Immigrants," at "U.S. Cultures: New Conversations" Conference, University of Washington, Seattle, WA, May 11, 1996.

"A Historian's View of the Future of Colorado," at "Economic and Demographic Projections Workshop," Demography Section, Colorado Division of Local Government, Denver, CO, May 23, 1996.

"The Lessons of Western History," Greater Yellowstone Coalition, West Yellowstone, MT, May 31, 1996.

"The Peculiar Ways of White People in the Late Twentieth Century," Association for Asian American Studies, Washington, D.C., June 1, 1996.

Keynote Address, "Adventures in Applied Humanities: An Historian's Campaign to Understand the Present-Day West," 1996 Colorado Judicial Conference, Breckenridge, CO, September 8, 1996.

Panelist, Plenary Session on Western History and Western Literature, Joint Meeting of the Western History Association and the Western Literature Association, Lincoln, NE, October 4, 1996.

Launching Conference, "Weird West or Wild West: Figuring Out the Twentieth Century at the End of the Millennium," Clements Center for the Study of the Southwest, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, TX, October 11, 1996.

Presidential Address, "Insiders and Outsiders: The Borders of the Nation and the Limits of the ASA," and "Academics and Reporters: A Lived Experience in Cross-Cultural Contact," at "Out of the Academy and into the Fire: Politicizing the Practice of American Studies," American Studies Association, Kansas City, MO, October 31-November 3, 1996.

Plenary Session, "Historical Perspectives on the Southwest," Society of American Foresters, Albuquerque, NM, November 10, 1996.

Panelist, "Has 'Minority' History Transformed the Historical Discourse?" American Historical Association, New York City, NY, January 3, 1997.

"The Babyboomers' Frontier," University of Washington, Seattle, WA, January 10, 1997.

"The All Too Relevant Bernard DeVoto," at "Devoted to the American West: The Century of Bernard DeVoto" Conference, University of New Orleans, New Orleans, LA, January 11, 1997.

Keynote Address, "The Babyboomers' Frontier," Annual Conference of the Society for the Interdisciplinary Study of Social Imagery, Colorado Springs, CO, March 14, 1997.

"Seeing and Being Seen: Tourism in the American West," Women in Historical Preservation Conference, Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ, March 15, 1997.

“The Atomic West,” Carl Becker Lectures, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY, March 31- April 2, 1997.

“The Babyboomers’ Frontier,” Western State College, Gunnison, CO, April 19, 1997.

Organizer and Host, “Seeing and Being Seen: Tourism in the American West,” Conference of the Center of the American West, Boulder, CO, May 1-2, 1997.

Panelist, “Broader Philosophical Implications of the Scientific Search for Cosmic Origins,” at “The Origins of Galaxies, Stars, Planets, and Life,” (co-sponsored by the University of Colorado and the University of Wyoming), Estes Park, CO, May 23, 1997.

“Reappraising Continuity in Western American History.” Japanese Association of American Studies, Aichi University, Japan, June 6, 1997.

Plenary Address, “Colorado’s Past and the Challenges Ahead,” Colorado Municipal League, 75th Annual Conference, Snowmass, CO, June 25, 1997.

“The Babyboomers’ Frontier,” Denver Public Library, Denver, CO, June 30, 1997.

“Anza’s Historical Lessons,” Juan de Bautista de Anza Day, Poncha Springs, CO, August 22, 1997.

“The Legacy of Conquest,” Reynaldo J. Carreon Lecture, Palm Springs Desert Museum, Palm Springs, CA, September 26, 1997.

Keynote Lecture, “The Lessons and Lesions of History: Yellowstone and Progress,” Conference in Observance of the 125th Anniversary of Yellowstone National Park, Mammoth Hot Springs, MT, October 14, 1997.

Commentator at session on “The Cold War West: Writing a New Western History,” Western History Association, St. Paul, MN, October 18, 1997.

Commentator at session on “Academic Celebrity and Gender Politics,” American Studies Association, Washington, D.C., October 31, 1997.

Keynote Address, “Unexpected Troubles: The Whitmans as the American West’s Best Parable,” at “Examining the Collision of Cultures in an Age of Multiculturalism: The Whitman Tragedy, 1847-1997,” Whitman College, Walla Walla, WA, November 14, 1997.

Banquet Speech, “Plains Lives,” Great Plains Anthropology Association, Boulder, CO, November 21, 1997.

“The Atomic West,” Colorado Historical Society, Denver, CO, January 20, 1998.

Keynote Address, “The Gold Rush and the Shaping of the American West,” Gold Rush Sesquicentennial Conference, Oakland Museum, Oakland, CA, January 24, 1998.

Panelist, Ken Burns’ and Stephen Ives’ ‘The West,’” Organization of American Historians,

Indianapolis, IN, April 4, 1998.

Plenary session, "The New West," Western Social Science Association, Denver, CO, April 17, 1998.

"Metric Moments of the 1990s: The Whitman Massacre and the California Gold Rush 150 Years Later," Vassar College, Poughkeepsie, NY, April 15, 1998.

Debate on Heroes in American History with Stephen Ambrose, Denver, CO, May 8, 1998 (broadcast on C-Span).

"The Advent of the New West," Colorado Counties Inc., Crested Butte, CO, June 10, 1998.

"Way Out West: Regional Issues and Politics," National Conference of State Legislatures, Las Vegas, NV, July 22, 1998.

"J.B. Jackson and the Play of the Mind: Inquiry and Assertion as Contact Sports," at "J.B. Jackson and the American Landscape," University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM, October 3, 1998.

"A Woman's Life in the Rocky Mountains," First Doris Hass Lecture, Boulder Public Library, Boulder, CO, October 28, 1998.

Plenary address, "History as Rodeo: Using the Public Humanities to Hold onto Your Seat," National Conference of the Federation of State Humanities Councils, Washington, D.C., November 20, 1998.

"Faces in the Crowd: The Individual in the Gold Rush," California Gold Rush Sesquicentennial Lectures, Sacramento, CA, December 16, 1998.

"Inside and Outside: Reappraising the West as a Region in a Very Big Planet," Paper presented at session on "The Region in American History," American Historical Association, Washington, D.C., January 8, 1999.

"The Future of Populist Politics." Colorado College 125th Anniversary Conference, Colorado Springs, CO, February 6, 1999.

"The Solidarity of Dinosaurs: Technophobic Pride at the Edge of the Millennium," Faculty Teaching Excellence Program Professional Lecture Series, Boulder, CO, February 16, 1999.

"Exceptionalism's Last Stand: Colonialism in Africa, the Middle East, and the American West," Cooper Lecture, Trinity College, Hartford, CT, March 11, 1999.

"Geographical Aspects of the New Western History," Lecture series on "Historical Geographies of the American West," University of Nevada at Reno, Reno, NV, April 6, 1999.

"The Atomic West," Annenberg Lecture, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA, April 13, 1999.

Forum with Nieman Fellows, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, April 14, 1999.

Keynote Address, "Loving and Leaving California: The Golden State in the Rear View Mirror," Stanford University's "Pacific Arcadia" Conference, Stanford, CA, April 30, 1999.

"Glory Days: Regret, Nostalgia, and the Yearning to Reverse Time in the New West," The New West Conference, Northern Arizona University, Flagstaff, AZ, June 11, 1999.

"The Handbook for the New West," Lewis Clark State College, Lewiston, ID, October 22, 1999.

Presenter, "Journalists, Scholars, and Historical Writing," American Historical Association, January 8, 2000.

"Ethnicity and the Out of Doors: People of Color and the Appreciation of Nature," Ray Allen Billington Lecture, Huntington Library, January 12, 2000.

"Ethnicity and the Out of Doors: People of Color and the Appreciation of Nature," Rogers Fellowship Lecture, Phillips Academy, Andover, MA, January 27, 2000.

"The Relevant West: Writing Western American History in the Year 2000," Commonwealth Fund Lecture, University College, London, U.K., February 18, 2000.

"The Atomic West," Cambridge American History Seminar, Cambridge University, U.K., February 21, 2000.

Panelist, "William Appleman Williams and Western American History," Organization of American Historians, April 2, 2000.

"From Mountain Men to Valley Girls," Public Affairs Officers, Bureau of Land Management, Las Vegas, NV, April 4, 2000.

"What Journalists Can Learn from History," National Writers Workshop, Seattle, WA, April 9, 2000.

"Inheritance," Sun Valley Center for the Arts, Ketchum, ID, April 13, 2000.

"People of Color and the Environment," Earth Day conference, Region 8 Environmental Protection Agency, Denver, CO, April 20, 2000.

"Crossing the Divide between the Sciences and the Humanities," Provost's Lecture, Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO, April 27, 2000.

"Environmental Sciences and the General Public," Scripps Environmental Journalism Conference, Boulder, CO, May 27, 2000.

Opening and Closing Addresses, Greater Yellowstone Coalition, Bozeman, MT, June 2-3, 2000.

"Inheritance," at "A Western Family Reunion." Sun Valley Center for the Arts, Ketchum, ID, June 24, 2000.

“The New West,” Stanford Alumni Association symposium on the West, Stanford, CA, July 12, 2000.

“The New West,” Address to the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation Board, July 15, 2000.

Opening Address, “Listening to the West: Music in the Soul of a Region,” Center of the American West Conference, Boulder, CO, August 11, 2000.

Presidential Address, “Going West and Ending Up Global,” Western History Association, San Antonio, TX, October 13, 2000.

Coordinator, “Facing Fire: Lessons from the Ashes” Two-day Workshop, Center of the American West, Boulder, CO, February 16-17, 2001.

Plenary Luncheon Address, “Western Voices,” Association of College and Research Libraries, Denver, Colorado, March 16, 2001.

Commentator, “Nature’s Nation? Urban Environments and Environmental History,” American Society for Environmental History, Durham, NC, March 31, 2001.

“Going West and Ending Up Global,” Smith Lecture, St. Thomas University, Houston, TX, March 22, 2001.

“Land, Justice, and Angie Debo: Telling the Truth To – and About – Your Neighbors,” at “Five Voices One Place,” Symposium at the Center for Great Plains Studies, University of Nebraska, Lincoln, NE, April 7, 2001.

“Something in the Soil,” Paper presented at “Fertile Soil: A Conversation about the Theory and Teaching of the New Western History,” Organization of American Historians, Los Angeles, CA, April 28, 2001.

Panelist, “The Contested Craft: Creating Historical Documentaries for Television.” Organization of American Historians, Los Angeles, CA, April 28, 2001.

Panelist, “The Near Term Global Context.” 2001 National Park Service Intermountain Region General Conference, “Stewardship: The Art of Collaboration,” May 14, 2001.

Concluding Talk, Telluride Ideas Festival, June 16, 2001.

The State of the State: The Changing Face of Colorado,” National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials, Denver, CO, Colorado, July 13, 2001.

Plenary Session, “Judging Western History: From the Battlefield to the Courtroom,” at “Romancing the West,” Ninth Circuit Judicial Conference, Big Sky, MT, July 16, 2001.

“The Handbook for the New West,” Colorado Chapter of the American Planning Association, Aspen, CO, September 21, 2001.

Panelist, “National Park Service Round Table: Clash of Cultures,” Western History Association, San Diego, CA, October 5, 2001.

Overview, Native American Sacred Lands Forum, Denver, CO, October 10, 2001.

“Humanities without Restraint: Using History to Calm the West Down,” Center for Humanities, University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI, October 25, 2001.

“Place-Based Reconciliation: The New Western History Turns Middle-Aged,” Headwaters XII Conference, Western State College, Gunnison, CO, November 2, 2001.

“The Nature of Justice: Reconfiguring the Ethnic Boundaries of the Environmental Movement,” First Annual Betts Lecture, Howard R. Lamar Center for the Study of Frontiers and Borders, Yale University, New Haven, CT, November 14, 2001.

Panel Chair, Federal Land Policy and Managing Act (enabling act of the Bureau of Land Management) Twenty-Fifth Anniversary Conference, Boulder, CO, November 16, 2001.

Panelist, “Crossing a Continental Divide: Accounting for Religion in the American West,” American Academy of Religion, Denver, CO, November 18, 2001.

Co-Organizer and Co-Moderator, Center of the American West Workshop on the Regional Boom/Bust Economy, Boulder, CO, November 30, 2001.

“The Solidarity of Dinosaurs: Technophobic Pride in the Twenty-First Century,” Organization of History Teachers, American Historical Association, January 4, 2002.

“Something in the Soil,” Historians’ Forum, Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History, New York, NY, February 4, 2002

“Ending the Cold War between Foresters and Environmentalists,” Gifford Pinchot Lecture, Pinchot Institute for Conservation, Washington, D.C., February 8, 2002.

Commentator, Opening plenary session, “Integrating Multiple Histories of Western Pasts,” Society for American Archaeology, March 20, 2002.

“Historical Contexts for a Sustainable West,” at “Sustainability from a Tribal Perspective,” Council of Energy Resource Tribes, Denver, CO, March 21, 2002.

Session Chair, “The Nature of the Pacific World,” American Society for Environmental History, March 21, 2002.

“One Hundred Years of the Bureau of Reclamation: Looking from the Outside In,” Paper presented at Organization of American Historians Convention, April 14, 2002.

“Family Feud: Reconfiguring the ‘Origin Story’ of Conservation and Environmentalism,” and “Prospects for Coexistence: Racial Equity and Environmental Well-Being,” Ena A. Thompson

Lectureship, Pomona College, Claremont, CA, April 23 and 25, 2002.

Plenary Session Presentation, "John H. D'Arms and the Humanities: His Achievements, Our Future Course," American Council of Learned Societies, May 4, 2002.

"The History of Science in the American West," Gilder Lehrman Institute for American History/National Park Service Workshop, Estes Park, CO, May 27-29, 2002.

Keynote Speech, "Reflections on the Bureau of Reclamation," Bureau of Reclamation Centennial Conference, Las Vegas, NV, June 19, 2002.

"Ten Inarguable Reasons Why All Westerners Should Know More about Utah History," Annual Utah History Address, Utah State Historical Society, UT August 16, 2002.

Keynote Address on Western Women Writers, First Lady Laura Bush's White House Program on American Authors, Washington D.C., September 17, 2002.

"Wild Times in Western History: A Veteran's Guide to Rethinking the Meaning of the American West," University of Oklahoma, Norman, OK, September 20, 2002.

"Dam Building and the New Western History," Moving Waters Culminating Conference, Northern Arizona University, Tempe, AZ, September 27, 2002.

"Trend in the American West," Colorado Chambers Council of Executives, October 2, 2002.

"Which Way's Up? Working with Progressive Era Policies When the Definition of Progress Is Up for Grabs," Starker Lecture, Oregon State University, Corvallis, OR, October 10, 2002.

Chair and Commentator, "The California Indians: Mediations of Gender, Class, and Polity in the Post-Gold Rush Era," Western History Association, October 18, 2002.

"Environment: Integrating Nature," Grant Makers in the Arts, Charlotte, NC, October 29, 2002.

Chair, "Lessons Learned in the Teaching American History Program's First Year: Partnerships in Professional Development," American Historical Association, January 3, 2003.

Guest Lecture, University of Wyoming, Laramie, WY, January 29-30, 2003.

"Preserving Western Heritage," Colorado Preservation Inc., Denver, CO, February 6, 2003.

Panelist, "Shifting Mandates: Science and Society in the American West," at "Science, Ecosystem Management, and the American West," American Association for Advancement of Science, Denver, CO, February 15, 2003.

Organizer and Overseer of the Center of the American West Conference on Noise, Sound, and Silence in the National Parks, "The Silence of the Lands," Boulder, CO, February 20 and 21, 2003.

"The Handbook for New Westerners," University of Colorado Alumni Association Directors Club,

Boulder, CO, March 1, 2003.

“Shifting Paradigms in Western American History,” Organization of American Historians Lecture, Utah Valley State College, Orem, UT, March 3, 2003.

“How Science Ruined and Now Promises to Redeem the West,” University of California, Berkeley, CA, March 13, 2003.

“Development in the Rocky Mountain West,” American Planning Association, March 31, 2003.

Panelist, with Catherine and Wayne Reynolds, “The Smithsonian and Its Donors,” Organization of American Historians, Memphis, TN, April 5, 2003.

Panelist, Council of Energy Resource Tribes Conference, April 15, 2003.

“Racial Equity and Environmental Well-Being,” Council of Foundations, April 28, 2003.

Panelist, “Interior Agencies and Local Communities,” Department of Interior Conference on the Environment, May 15, 2003.

“What’s a Patriot to Do?” Chautauqua Reynolds Lecture, Presentation with former Colorado Governor Richard Lamm, Boulder, CO, June 10, 2003.

“Twins Separated at Birth: The Reunion of the Sciences and the Humanities,” Ira and Ineva Baldwin Lecture, The Best Should Teach Program, University of Colorado, Boulder, CO, August 20, 2003.

Host, “Inside Interior: Conversations with the Secretaries of the Interior on their Role in Shaping the West,” A Center of the American West Series, Boulder, CO, September 2003 to November 2004.

“What Every Westerner Should Know about Energy,” Address to the Board of Directors of the Independent Petroleum Association of the Mountain States Board of Directors, Denver, CO, October 2, 2003.

Panelist, with Mike Sullivan, former governor of Wyoming, National Trust for Historic Preservation National Convention, Denver, CO, October 3, 2003.

“What Every Westerner Should Know about Energy,” Colorado Property Tax Assessors, Denver, CO, October 21, 2003.

“What Every Westerner Should Know about Energy,” at “Don’t Be Left In the Dark,” a conference on Renewable Energy, sponsored by Colorado State Senators Dan Grossman and Ken Gordon, Denver, CO, October 30, 2003.

Participant in Shell Stakeholder Forum, Shell Energy Resources Company, Denver, CO, November 13, 2003.

“What Every Westerner Should Know about Energy,” Colorado Bar Association, Natural Resources and Energy Division, Denver, CO, November 14, 2003.

“History as a Remedy for Trouble: The Overwhelming Relevance of the Past to Our Times,” Boulder Historical Society Annual Meeting, Boulder, CO, November 18, 2003.

“Changing Values and Expectations in the West,” Forest Supervisors’ Conference, U.S. Forest Service, Nebraska City, NE, January 27, 2004.

“Familiarity Breeds Camaraderie: Life with My Republican Friends,” City Club of Denver, Denver, CO, March 2, 2004.

Moderator, “The Hidden Costs of War,” University of Colorado, Boulder, CO, March 6 and 7, 2004.

Panelist, “Rocky Mountain Futures,” Rocky Mountain National Park, Estes Park, CO, April 5, 2004.

“Familiarity Breeds Camaraderie: Life with My Republican Friends,” City Club of Denver, Denver, CO, April 5, 2004.

“Reflections on the U.S. Geology Survey’s First Century,” USGS Offices, Lakewood, CO, April 8, 2004.

“The Myth and Reality of Western Energy,” Environmental Protection Agency Region 8, Denver, CO, April 12, 2004.

“Urban/Rural Divorce,” Western Association of Counties, Ogden, UT, May 27, 2004.

“The Redemption of Liberalism,” with former Colorado Governor Richard Lamm, Chautauqua Reynolds Lecture, Boulder, CO, June 10, 2004.

Keynote Presentation, “The Challenges of Leadership in the West,” Colorado Municipal League Annual Conference, June 23, 2004.

Plenary Address, “Naturalists, National Mission, and the Wonders of the West: The Lewis and Clark Expedition as a Parable,” Ecological Society of America Annual Conference, Portland, OR, August 1, 2004.

Panelist, “Smart Development,” Colorado Oil and Gas Association Conference, Denver, CO, August 10, 2004.

“The Dynamic West: Change, Tension, and Promise in the Nation’s Most Interesting Region,” Western Democratic Caucus, Denver, CO, August 20, 2004.

“What Every Westerner Should Know about Energy: Managing the Hypocrisy of Consumers, Deepening the Self-Understanding of Producers, and Enhancing the Heroism of Electricity-Providers,” Rocky Mountain Electrical League, Vail, CO, September 13, 2004.

Keynote Address, "Cleaning out the Western Heritage Closet: Deciding We Can Still Use and What We Can Give Back to Good Will," Annual Conference on Sustainable Urbanism, sponsored by the Colorado Center for Sustainable Urbanism, Lakewood, CO, October 7, 2004.

Panelist, "Getting Back on the Horse: Teaching about the West II," Western History Association, Las Vegas, NV, October 16, 2004.

Host, "Abandoned Mines and Acid Mine Drainage Remediation," Center of the American West Workshop, Boulder, CO, October 21-22, 2004.

Keynote Address, "The Applied Historian to the Rescue: Energy, the Environment, and the Escape from Polarization," Great Lakes History Conference, Grand Rapids, MI, October 30, 2004.

Panel Chair, "The Multiple Use Challenge," U.S Forest Service Centennial Congress, Washington, D.C., January 6, 2005.

"Irony, Tragedy, and Hope in Western American History," Utah State University, Logan, UT, January 18-19, 2005.

"Across the Generations," Humanities Lecture, Elko Cowboy Poetry Gathering, January 27-28, 2005.

"Why I Still Love Universities: The Center of the American West and the Partnership between Scientists and Humanists," Department of Evolutionary and Ecosystem Biology, University of Colorado, Boulder, CO, March 4, 2005.

Joint Keynote Address (with Terry Anderson), "Enduring Myths and Iconoclastic Realities," State of the Rockies Report, Colorado College, Colorado Springs, CO, April 4, 2005.

Plenary Panel, "The Atomic West," Geographies of Fear and Hope Conference, The American Association of Geographers, April 6, 2005.

Luncheon Speech, "Water in the American West: The Fight Goes On," at "Troubled Waters: Exploring Solutions for the Western Water Crisis," Andrus Center for Public Policy, Boise State College, Boise, ID, April 19, 2005.

Inaugural Lecture, Jane and Douglas Johnson Legacy Lecture Series, CU Colorado Springs, Colorado Springs, CO, April 25, 2005.

Concluding Lecture "Caring for the National Parks: Dreams, Hopes, and the Public Lands," Rocky Mountain National Park Lyceum, Rocky Mountain National Park, CO, May 14, 2005.

Panel Participant, Council of Energy Resource Tribes, Cabazon, CA, June 21, 2005.

Moderator and Commentator for all conference sessions, Colorado Oil and Gas Association, Denver, CO, August 1, 2005.

“Life at the Center of the American West: Using History to Unsnarl a Region,” Property & Environment Research Center’s Annual Conference for Journalists, Emigrant, MT, September 15, 2005.

“You Used to be a Very Good Historian, What Happened to That?” Presentation at Writers’ Panel at 8th World Wilderness Conference, Fulcrum Publishing, Anchorage, AK, October 3, 2005.

Plenary Session, “Environmentalism, Green Religion, Scientism, and Forestry: Managing Conflicts,” Society of American Foresters, Fort Worth, TX, October 22, 2005.

Participant, “The Changing Face of the West: People, Places and Prosperity,” Western Governors’ Association, Scottsdale, AZ, November 7, 2005.

“The Fight for the Forefathers: Who Owns Theodore Roosevelt and Aldo Leopold?” Forest History Society at Duke University, Durham, NC, November 9, 2005.

“The Power to Disarm: Writing Well and Sneakily,” University of Portland, Portland, OR, November 17, 2005.

“The Urban/Rural Divorce: Caught in the Middle,” Quivira Coalition, Albuquerque, NM, January 13, 2006.

“National Park Service Scholars Forum: The National Park Service and Civic Reflection,” National Park Service, Philadelphia, PA, January 14, 2006.

“Twenty-First Century Western Womanhood: Capturing the Power of Gender Stereotypes for Entrepreneurial Success,” Women’s Forum of Colorado, Denver, CO, January 24, 2006.

“The Rise and Fall and Rise Again of Hope! Memories of the Last Fifty Years of the Civil Rights Dream,” Martin Luther King, Jr. Symposium, Boulder, CO, January 25, 2006.

“Cowboys and Cattlemen, Ostrichgirls and Llamawomen: Gender and Class on the New West Range,” Yale University Agrarian Studies Program, Hartford, CT, January 27, 2006.

Legacy of Historic Preservation in Colorado,” Colorado Preservation, Inc., Denver, CO, February 10, 2006.

“Science and the American West: Experiments in the ‘Demilitarized Zone’ Between Development and Preservation,” Belsky Lecture, University of Oregon Center for the Study of Women in Society, Eugene, OR, February 12, 2006.

“Charting a New Course for Coalbed Methane: Solutions, Best Practices and a Positive Vision for the Future,” Powder River Basin Resource Council, Sheridan, WY, March 19, 2006.

“Barriers to the Cleanup of Abandoned Mine Sites,” Testimony before the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., March, 30, 2006.

Summations and Conclusions, Perspectives on the Future Range of Variability in Colorado Forests, Colorado State University, Glenwood Springs, CO, April 13, 2006.

“Pride Without Vanity: Patriotism in the 21st Century,” Humanities at Salado, Salado, TX, May 5, 2006.

“Expanding Your World of Rotary,” Rotary District Conference, Logan, UT, May 19, 2006.

“Community in the West,” Idaho Conservation League, Boise, ID, May 20, 2006.

“The Future of Energy and Water in the West,” Illahee Conference, Portland, OR, June 3, 2006.

“Literature of the West” Symposium, Aspen Writer’s Foundation, Aspen, CO, June 27, 2006.

“A Suddenly More Finite West,” Colorado Water Workshop, Western State College of Colorado, Gunnison, CO, July 28, 2006.

“Political Risks from Geopolitical and Domestic Perspectives,” Colorado Oil and Gas Association/Rocky Mountain Oil and Gas Strategy Conference, Denver, CO, August 8, 2006.

“Denver as the Site for the 2008 Convention,” 2008 Democratic Host Committee, Denver, CO, August 9, 2006.

“What Every Westerner Should Know About Energy,” Desk and Derrick Club of Denver’s 2006 Industry Awareness, Denver, CO, September 7, 2006.

“Learning From the Land Science Symposium,” Grand Staircase National Monument 2006, Cedar City, UT, September 15, 2006.

“Western Heritage & Contemporary Focus,” EPA Collaborative Summit 2006, Jackson Hole, WY, September 20, 2006.

“Public Pressures on Public Lands,” Public Lands Foundation Annual Meeting, Golden, CO, September 21, 2006.

“Legacies of the Lewis and Clark Expedition: So What Have We Learned Anyway?” Lewis & Clark College, Portland, OR, September 30, 2006.

Panelist, Session on Centers of the West Studies Program, Western History Association, St. Louis, MO, October 14, 2006.

“Watching Water: A Wistful but Wary Westerner’s Wish List for the Twenty-First Century,” Idaho Department of Water, Boise, ID, October 24, 2006.

“Darkness Dismissed: How Western Feuds Became Fun and Lite,” 2006 Baskes Lecture in History, Chicago Humanities Festival, Chicago, IL, November 10, 2006.

“The Changing Nature of Agriculture,” Rocky Mountain Farmers Union, Denver, CO, November

17, 2006.

“The West in the Waiting Room: How ‘Healing’ a Sick Person Resembles – and Differs from – ‘Healing’ Landscapes and Aquatic Systems,” Fort Lewis College, Durango, CO, December 14, 2006.

“How Colorado Got to Where It Is – Colorado Issues,” Colorado Institute for Leadership Training, Denver, CO, January 6, 2007.

“Progress Report: How EPA Has Dealt and Will Deal with World’s Biggest Challenge – Getting People to Do the Right Thing,” U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Senior Leadership Retreat, Washington, DC, January 30, 2007.

“The West in the Waiting Room: How ‘Healing’ a Sick Person Resembles – and Differs from – ‘Healing’ Landscapes and Aquatic Systems,” Northwest Stream and Restoration Design Conference, Portland, OR, February 7, 2007.

“Getting Past the Utilitarian/Preservationist Divide,” The Nature Conservancy Workshop with American Petroleum Institute, Boulder, CO, February 22, 2007.

Panel Facilitator and Commentator, “Elevating Sustainability in the Rocky Mountain Region,” Rocky Mountain Sustainability Summit: Forging Solutions at Colleges and Universities, University of Colorado, Boulder, CO, February 23, 2007.

Opening Address, “Transforming Hindsight into Foresight: The Lessons of the Colorado River Compact for the Twenty-First Century,” Wallace Stegner Center, Twelfth Annual Symposium, Salt Lake City, UT, March 2, 2007.

“Building Partnerships in the West,” Indian Lands Energy Investment and Prospects Conference, Independent Petroleum Association of Mountain States, Denver, CO, March 6, 2007.

“What Every Westerner Should Know About Energy,” Natural Resources & Energy Law Section of the Colorado Bar Association, Denver, CO, March 9, 2007.

Moderator, “Redrawing Boundaries: Perspectives on Western American Art,” Denver Art Museum Symposium, Denver, CO, March 10, 2007.

Discussor, “Infrastructure and the Impact of Leaving Populations Underserved,” Web and the West Conference, University of Colorado, Boulder, CO, March 21, 2007.

“How the ‘Real West’ Became – and Stayed – the Rural West: Literature, Open Spaces, and the Eclipse of the City,” Seminar on Environmental and Agricultural History, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA, April 6, 2007.

Luncheon Address, “Back to the Drawing Board: Re-Engineering the Bridge between the Western Slope and the Front Range,” Club 20 2007 Spring Meeting, Grand Junction, CO, April 7, 2007.

“The Legacy of Conquest, the Perils and Promise of Space,” Denver Museum of Nature & Science

“Beyond Earth: Ethical and Political Choices in Space” Series, Denver, CO, April 10, 2007.

“The Western Vision: The Role Public Lands Play,” BLM Public Affairs Conference, Santa Fe, NM, April 24, 2007.

Presentation on the Center of the American West to the Senate Democratic Caucus, Denver, CO, May 1, 2007.

Interview of Walter Isaacson, President of Aspen Institute, on his biography of Albert Einstein, Denver Press Club, Denver, CO, May 3, 2007.

“Historical Perspectives & Physical Geography of Colorado Water/Climate Change Variability,” Colorado Institute for Leadership Training, Colorado Water Workshop, University of Denver Sturm College, Denver, CO, May 5, 2007.

“Women in Franklin’s Time,” Denver Museum of Nature and Science “Benjamin Franklin: In Search of a Better World” Exhibition, Denver, CO, May 15, 2007.

Keynote Address, “Colorful, Practical, and Counter-Intuitive Lessons from the Western Past: Historically-Based How-To Guides for Orchestrating Gigantic Social Transitions in Energy Use,” Colorado Renewable Energy Society conference, Steamboat Springs, CO, June 9, 2007.

Lecturer, Teaching American History Grant Summer Institute, Lakewood, CO, June 12-15, 2007.

Keynote Address, “What Every Westerner Should Know About Pueblo,” Chancellor’s Scholarship Dinner, Pueblo, CO, June 25, 2007.

Opening remarks at film premiere of *Molly Brown: Biography of a Changing Nation*, Denver, CO, June 27, 2007.

Organizer and Lecturer, “Visions of the American Environment,” Gilder-Lehrman Institute of History Summer Seminar for Teachers, University of Colorado, Boulder, CO, July 8-14, 2007.

“Communicating Climate/Energy Issues to the Public,” CU Boulder Graduate School and Energy Initiative Annual Research Symposium “The Global Energy Crisis: Climate Change, Mitigation, and Adaptation,” University of Colorado, Boulder, CO, August 30, 2007.

“Environmental Myths of the West: Will Your Next Story Be a Lie?” Society of Environmental Journalists Conference, Palo Alto, CA, September 9, 2007.

“Hindsight and Foresight in a Region of Rush,” Oregon Planning Institute Conference, Eugene, OR, September 13, 2007.

Keynote Address, “The Power of the Rockies: Living with Energy in the Old West, the New West, and the Next West,” Public Land Law Conference, University of Montana, Missoula, MT, September 24, 2007.

“Parables from the Past: The Historian as Coach, Referee, and Trail Guide,” Central Washington

University Performing Arts and Presidential Speaker Series, Ellensburg, WA, October 17, 2007.

Opening Remarks and Moderator, Chevron Workshop on Oil and Gas on the Western Slope, Glenwood Springs, CO, October 22-23, 2007.

Panel Moderator, “Consumer Demand: What Do Consumers Want and at What Price?” Colorado’s New Energy Conference, Denver, CO, October 30, 2007.

Keynote Speech, “Higher Education in Motion: Agility, Flexibility, and Creativity and Other Necessities for Riding On (and Not Slipping Under!) the Waves of Change,” National Collegiate Honors Council Annual Conference, Denver, CO, November 1, 2007.

“Dale Carnegie for the Academic: How to Win Friends and Influence People in the Wider World, while Still Retaining a Degree of Scholarly Good Standing,” Colorado Center for Public Humanities “New Visions of the American Scholar” Series, Lakewood, CO, November 1, 2007.

“What Every Westerner Should Know about Energy, and about Civil Behavior in Environmental Disputes,” Ted Scripps Fellows Seminar, University of Colorado, Boulder, CO, November 8, 2007.

Presentation on Cheyenne-Arapaho Hall, White Antelope Memorial Scholarship Program Seminar, University of Colorado, Boulder, CO, November 12, 2007.

Moderator, “A Big Picture: Climate Change for Rocky Mountain National Park,” Rocky Mountain National Park Climate Change Adaptations Workshop, Estes Park, CO, November 14, 2007.

Lunch speaker at Western Municipal Conference, New Orleans, LA, November 16, 2007.

Keynote Address, “Changing Winds,” Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation: Special Institute on Surface Use for Mineral Development in the New West, Westminster, CO, February 7, 2008.

Remarks to the U.S. Arctic Research Commission, University of Colorado, Boulder, CO, February 8, 2008.

Keynote Address, “Democracy at Center Stage, The Under-Used Power of Public Lands to Improve Human Nature,” Association of Partners for Public Lands Convention & Trade Show, Denver, CO, February 25, 2008.

“‘Pressed Back on Each Other’: Westerners, Fire, and the Hegelian Prediction,” National Interagency Fire Center Workshop: “No Longer on the Fringe: The Wildland Urban Interface as History,” American Society for Environmental History Conference, Boise, ID, March 12, 2008.

Roundtable Panelist, “Elsewhere: Towards an Environmental History of Modern Migrations,” American Society for Environmental History Conference, Boise, ID, March 13, 2008.

Panelist, “Through a Glass Darkly: Glimpses of the Future,” Third Annual Tribal Energy Policy Roundtable, Denver, CO, March 18, 2008.

“Revising the West: An Appraisal of the Earlier Versions of the Region, and an Outline for the Next

Draft,” Park City Leadership Alumni Lecture, Park City, UT, March 24, 2008.

Conversation Participant, “In Conversation: Wilderness Recalled,” “In Conversation: Lessons from the Ages,” and “In Conversation: Nature’s Place: Saving Ecosystems and Habitat,” Aspen Environment Forum, Aspen Institute with National Geographic Magazine, Aspen, CO, March 26-29, 2008.

Plenary Speaker, “Passions for Place,” The Funders’ Network for Smart Growth and Livable Communities Annual Conference, Denver, CO, March 31, 2008.

“Fair Fights and Managed Contention: Putting the Energy Generated by Historical Controversy to Good Use,” American Association of Museums Annual Meeting “Thought Leader Session,” Denver, CO, April 30, 2008.

Welcoming Remarks at Convocation Ceremony, Art Libraries Society of North America Conference, Denver, CO, May 2, 2008.

Address to 10th Anniversary J. Anthony Lukas Prize Project Awards Ceremony, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, May 13, 2008.

Moderator, “The Politics of Change and Natural Resources,” Natural Resources Law Center’s Summer Conference, University of Colorado, Boulder, CO, June 6, 2008.

“*Winters* in Historical Context,” *Winters* Centennial Conference, Santa Ana Pueblo, NM, June 10, 2008.

Opening Remarks, “Energy Policy and its Impact on Consumer Prices,” National Energy and Utility Affordability Conference, Denver, CO, June 17, 2008.

“Correcting the Past: The Memory of Historical Injury and the Hope for Remedy,” presented by Colorado History Museum’s First Friday Series, Japanese American Museum National Conference, Denver, CO, July 4, 2008.

Instructor, “Visions of the American Environment,” Gilder-Lehrman Institute of History Summer Seminar for Teachers, University of Colorado, Boulder, CO, July 6-12, 2008.

Moderator, “Natural Allies in Creating a New Energy Economy: Natural Gas, Efficiency & Renewables,” 20th Annual Rocky Mountain Natural Gas Strategy Conference, Denver, CO, July 10, 2008.

Plenary Address, “From Hindsight to Foresight: The History of Higher Education in the American West,” Council of Graduate Schools Summer Meeting, Vail, CO, July 15, 2008.

“Overly confident man, overly anguished man, and the power of the atom: Patty Limerick interviews J. Robert Oppenheimer,” Public Program of “American Faust: The Ordeal of J. Robert Oppenheimer” Humanities Institute, Colorado Humanities, Denver, CO, July 16, 2008.

Roundtable with French Embassy Representatives, University of Colorado, Boulder, CO, August

18, 2008.

“The Trail through Gloom: A Twelve-Step Program,” Eco Arts Performance “Balancing Acts: Visions for a Sustainable Future,” Boulder, CO, September 14, 2008.

Panelist, “Catastrophe or Opportunity? Climate and Energy ACTION HEROES,” Chautauqua’s “Grand Convergence,” Boulder, CO, September 20, 2008.

Luncheon Keynote Address to Governor’s Conference on Managing Drought & Climate Risk, Denver, CO, October 9, 2008.

“A Ditch in Time: The City, the West, and Water,” Center for Historical Studies, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL, November 6, 2008.

“Manifest Legacies and the American West,” with Erin Hogan, Chicago Humanities Festival, Chicago, IL, November 8, 2008.

“Immigration and the Anxious Terrain of the American West: Revising the Not-So-Useful Distinction between Old-Timers and Newcomers,” Ray Warren Multicultural Symposium, Lewis & Clark College, Portland, OR, November 14, 2008.

“A Ditch in Time: Interpreting the History of the Denver Water Department,” The City Club of Denver, Denver, CO, November 18, 2008.

Presentation to The United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit, Denver, CO, November 18, 2008.

Moderator, “Taos Traditions: Artists in and Enchanted Land,” Denver Art Museum Symposium, Denver, CO, January 6, 2009.

“Urbanized Water: How Governor William Gilpin’s Impossible Dream Came True,” Colorado Historical Society Lecture Series, Denver, Co, January 20, 2009.

Moderator, “Public Lands – Private Ceremonies: Native American Religious Practices and Public Lands in the West,” Natural Resources and Environmental Law Section of the Boulder County Bar Association Panel, University of Colorado, Boulder, CO, January 21, 2009.

“What Lincoln Wanted from the West, and What He Got,” The Bill Lane Center for the American West, Stanford University, Stanford, CA, February 6, 2009.

Panelist, “New Prosperities: Contemporary Ideas for the Future of Urban Centers in the American West,” 2008-2009 Lecture Series, Woodbury University School of Architecture, Burbank, CA, virtual participant from Boulder, CO, February 23, 2009.

Moderator, “Ingrained Landscapes: Trees as Organisms and Artifacts,” American Society for Environmental History Annual Conference, Tallahassee, FL, February 28, 2009.

“Traveling Ahead: How Wallace Stegner’s Most Quotable Words Guide Us Through Time and

Space,” Wallace Stegner Center’s Fourteenth Annual Symposium, The University of Utah, Salt Lake City, UT, March 6, 2009.

“The Ownership of Public Lands: The Romance of Local Control Meets the Romance of Expertise,” Annual Klement Lecture, Marquette University, Milwaukee, WI, March 24, 2009.

Panelist, “Land,” Charles Warren Center for Studies in American History Environmental History Symposia, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, April 17, 2009.

Presentation to the Cheyenne Arapahoe Hall 20th Anniversary Celebration, University of Colorado, Boulder, CO, April 24, 2009.

Panelist, “Governor Ritter’s New Energy Economy. . . Can Colorado Afford it?” Independence Institute, Denver, CO, April 30, 2009.

“Making New Energy Affordable to All,” Denver Green Festival, Denver, CO, May 2, 2009.

Keynote Address, “You and Your Public Lands,” and Moderator, “Leaders and Their Legacies,” Bureau of Land Management Leadership on the Line Symposium, Phoenix, AZ, May 12, 2009.

Moderator, “Legends of Progress and Loss: Boulder from 1959 to 2009,” Boulder Sesquicentennial Celebration Panel Discussion, University of Colorado, Boulder, CO, May 13, 2009.

“A Soft Spot for ‘Small’: Why Little Ditches Have So Much More Charm than Big Ones,” Ditch Symposium, the Ditch Project, Boulder Public Library, Boulder, CO, May 16, 2009.

Keynote Address, “Replacing Conflict with Common Cause – Building a Permanent Bridge between Social Justice and Environmental Well-Being,” and Presenter, “High Energy Prices and Low-Income Americans,” National Energy and Utility Affordability Conference, Portland, OR, June 15, 2009.

Keynote Address, “Watered-Down Clarity: What I Gained and Lost When I Gave Up on Purity and Elevated Principle, with Case Studies Drawn from the Denver Water Board, the Department of the Interior, and the Troubles of Filmmakers Doing Documentaries on the Environmental Movement,” Sixth Annual Conference on Environmental Philosophy, Allenspark, CO, June 17, 2009.

Instructor, “Visions of the American Environment,” Gilder-Lehrman Institute of History Summer Seminar for Teachers, University of Colorado, Boulder, CO, July 5-11, 2009.

“Redrafting the Code of the West,” High Plains Chautauqua, Greeley, CO, August 6, 2009.

Keynote Address, “You and Your Public Lands,” Second Bureau of Land Management Leadership on the Line Symposium, Phoenix, AZ, August 18, 2009.

Moderator, “Separated at Birth: Insights from kindred Communities,” Boulder Sesquicentennial Celebration Panel Discussion, University of CO, Boulder, CO, September 23, 2009.

Panelist, “Teaching the West: A Roundtable Discussion,” Western History Association Annual

Conference, Denver, CO, October 8, 2009.

Panelist, "Vine Deloria and the Uses of History: A Roundtable Discussion," Western History Association Annual Conference, Denver, CO, October 10, 2009.

Welcoming Plenary, "What Every Westerner Should Know About Oil Shale," Colorado School of Mines' Colorado Energy Research Institute 29th Oil Shale Symposium, Golden, CO, October 19, 2009.

"Can't We All Just Get Along?" The Urgent need for Common Cause between Fossil Fuels and Renewable Energy," Frasier Meadows Sustainability Seminar, Boulder, CO, October 21, 2009.

Panelist, "The Role of Natural Gas in the Clean Energy Economy, Natural Gas Symposium, Boulder, CO, October 22, 2009.

"Meanwhile Back at the Ranch: What Lincoln Wanted from the West, and What He Got," Abraham Lincoln: Self-Made in America, Four-Mile Historic Park, Denver, CO, October 27, 2009.

"Higher Education in the American West," Presentation to the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education Semi-Annual Board Meeting, National Center for Atmospheric Research, Boulder, CO, November 2, 2009.

Keynote Address, "You and Your Public Lands," Third Bureau of Land Management Leadership on the Line Symposium, Phoenix, AZ, November 3, 2009.

Panelist, "Immigration and the Practical Majority?" Center for Arts and Humanities, Boulder, CO, November 5, 2009.

Keynote Address, "The Role of the Past in Reclaiming the Future of the West," Powder River Basin Resource Council 36th Annual Meeting, Sheridan, WY, November 7, 2009.

Panelist, "Innovation and Alternative Energy," Silicon Flatirons Center's "Entrepreneurs Unplugged" Series, Boulder, CO, November 13, 2009.

Moderator, "Shaping the West: American Sculptors in the 19th Century," Denver Art Museum Annual Symposium, Denver, CO, January 5, 2010.

Opening Speech, "The History of Oil Shale Development and What it Means for the Future," Natural Resources Law Center's Oil Shale Conference, Denver, CO, February 5, 2010.

"Why should people in Colorado be engaged with Alaskan issues?" Presentation to the Alaska Conservation Foundation Board Meeting, Boulder, CO, February 5, 2010.

Keynote Address, "Beyond Hope: Honest Gloom and Poetry's Claim on the Western Soul," Robinson Jeffers Association Conference, Carmel, CA, February 13, 2010.

Panel Commentator, "Nature and National Identity in the 19th Century," American Society for Environmental History and National Council of Public History Annual Meeting, Portland, OR,

March 11, 2010.

“Public Lands,” Mark O. Hatfield Distinguished Lecture Series, Oregon Historical Society, Portland, OR, March 16, 2010.

“How Did We Get from Then to Now?” Bureau of Land Management Service First Leadership Team Meeting, Portland, OR, March 17, 2010.

“The Chips Barry Era at Denver Water: A Conversation Between Patty Limerick and Chips Barry,” Colorado Yale Association’s “Buffalo Hunter’s Dinner,” Morrison, CO, March 28, 2010.

Panel Chair, “Making California American: Community, Violence, and Democracy in the Transformation of California from Borderland to Early Modern State,” Annual Meeting of the Organization of American Historians, Washington, D.C., April 9, 2010.

“Competing Values: Democracy in Action,” 10th Anniversary of the National Landscape Conservation System, Boulder, CO, April 14, 2010.

Living with Energy, PBS television program completed 2010 and premiered April 15, 2010, Rocky Mountain PBS.

“A Kinder and Gentler American West? Responses to Frailty and Affliction in the Nineteenth Century,” Anschutz School of Pharmacy Annual Holden Lecture, University of Colorado, Aurora, CO, April 16, 2010.

“A Ditch in Time: Interpreting the History of the Denver Water Department,” Longmont Senior Center Cultural Enrichment Program, Longmont, CO, April 17, 2010.

Panel Introducer, “Our Energy Future,” Denver Museum of Nature & Science, Denver, CO, May 11, 2010.

Commentator, “An Historical Perspective on Public Lands Policy and 1970 Public Land Law Review Commission,” National Resources Law Center Martz Summer Conference, University of Colorado at Boulder, Boulder, CO, June 2, 2010.

Opening Remarks, “Competing to Generate Electricity? Natural Gas, Renewables, and Efficiency Combined Can Shine the Brightest Light,” Colorado Oil & Gas Association’s Rocky Mountain Energy Epicenter Conference, Colorado Convention Center, Denver, CO, July 9, 2010.

Instructor, “Visions of the American Environment,” The Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History Teachers’ Summer Seminar, Boulder, CO, July 18-24, 2010.

Keynote Address, “Retrofitting the Environmental Tradition: Practicing Preservation in a World that Won’t Hold Still,” 2010 Colorado Open Space Alliance Conference, Westminster, CO, September 14, 2010.

“Adventures in Applied History: Transforming Hindsight into Foresight,” Pomona College Lecture Series, Pomona College, Claremont, CA, September 16, 2010.

Stewart Udall Building Dedication Ceremony, Interior Department, Washington, D.C., September 21, 2010.

“Spirited Conversation about Classic Hollywood Westerns,” with Robert Pippin, Center for Humanities and the Arts, Boulder, CO, September 24, 2010.

Panelist, “The Comstock Lode 150 Years Later – Historical Significance and Enduring Legacies,” Western History Association’s 50th Annual Conference, “Many Wests,” Lake Tahoe, NV, October 15, 2010.

General Session Presenter, “Community and Culture,” with Butch Blazer, Society of American Foresters Convention, “Forests & People: A Watershed Event,” Albuquerque, NM, October 29, 2010.

Featured Speaker, 90th National Council for the Social Studies Annual Conference, Denver, CO, November 13, 2010.

Commentator and Facilitator, National Landscape Conservation System Summit, Las Vegas, NV, November 14-17, 2010.

“Insights on Front Range Water Supplies,” Presentation with John Hendrick, Highlands Ranch Library, Highlands Ranch, CO, January 20, 2011.

Keynote Address, “From the Ground Up: Harvesting the Lessons of Westward Expansion to Recalibrate Human Pride & Vanity,” Peak to Prairie Landscape Symposium, Colorado Springs, CO, February 4, 2011.

Keynote Address, “Too Close to Home: Facing Sand Creek on the CU-Boulder Campus,” Modern Genocide Conference and Aspinall Lecture, Mesa State College, Grand Junction, CO, Wednesday, April 6, 2011.

“No Country for Old Habits: Denver, the West, and Water,” Presentation to the American Water Resources Association, Golden, CO, April 22, 2011.

“Army Wives,” Presentation to the American Association of University Women, National Center for Atmospheric Research, Boulder, CO, April 30, 2011.

Facilitator, Healing Panel, Native American Boarding School Healing Project, University of Colorado Boulder, May 14-15, 2011.

Keynote Address, “Local and Global Sustainability: Wind, Water, Fire, Mountains, and Open Spaces,” The Society of Woman Geographers Triennial Meeting, Boulder, CO, May 19, 2011.

“A Ditch in Time: The Lessons of Water in Denver, Colorado,” The Organization of American Historians Community College Workshop, Denver, CO, June 9, 2011.

“A Ditch in Time: The Lessons of Water in Denver, Colorado,” Teaching American History Summer Institute through The Organization of American Historians Distinguished Lectureship Program, Little Rock, AR, June 16, 2011.

Keynote Panel, “The Role of Denver Water in the Colorado Water System: Past, Present, and Future,” with Justice Gregory Hobbs and Jim Lochhead, 36th Annual Colorado Water Workshop, Western State College, Gunnison, CO, July 21, 2011.

Instructor, “Visions of the American Environment,” The Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History Teachers’ Summer Seminar, Boulder, CO, July 24-30, 2011.

Co-Facilitator, Colorado Oil & Gas Association 23rd Annual Natural Gas Strategy Conference & Investment Forum, Thought Leaders Session with George Sparks, Denver, CO, August 2, 2011.

“Boulder Conversations with Extraordinary People” Series, Presentation with Charles Wilkinson for the Boulder History Museum, Boulder, CO, September 13, 2011.

Witnessing War: Army Wives as Undercover Observers of the Nineteenth-Century West,” Niwot Historical Society Lecture Series, Niwot, CO, September 28, 2011.

Keynote Address, “A Ditch in Time: Denver, the West, and Water,” Dividing the Waters National Conference, Reno, NV, October 11, 2011.

Participant, “Fifty Years: Reflections on the Past and Future of Western History,” Opening Reception at the Western History Association’s National Conference, Oakland, CA, October 13, 2011.

“Witnessing War: Army Wives as Undercover Observers of the Nineteenth-Century West,” The Presidio, San Francisco, CA, October 13, 2011.

Panelist, “Roundtable: The Past, Present, and Future of Public History in the Western History Association,” Western History Association’s National Conference, Oakland, CA, October 14, 2011.

“Takes on the Changing West,” Presentation with Eric Paddock, Denver Art Museum, Denver, CO, October 20, 2011.

Moderator, CU Energy Club’s Forum on Boulder’s Potential Municipalization, University of Colorado Boulder, October 25, 2011.

“The Winning of the West Revisited,” Theodore Roosevelt Symposium, Dickinson State University, Dickinson, ND, October 29, 2011.

“The Uncertain Fate of the Great American Desert: The American West, Water, and the World,” University of New England’s Center for Global Humanities, Portland, ME, November 7, 2011.

“A Ditch in Time: Denver, Water, and the West,” Presentation to the Colorado Water Congress Annual Convention, Denver, CO, January 26, 2012.

Panelist, “State of the Union Town Hall – Energy, Environment, and Conservation,” University of Colorado, Boulder, CO, January 27, 2012.

Roundtable Participant, “The American Frontier and its Global Contexts,” The Significance of the Frontier in an Age of Transnational History Symposium, San Marino, CA, February 25, 2012.

Moderator, “Bureau of Land Management’s National Landscape Conservation System and Wilderness Cities” at the 21st Annual Conference of the Rocky Mountain Land Institute, Sturm College of Law, University of Denver, Denver, CO, March 2, 2012.

“Truth and Reconciliation: Introducing Today's Young People to their Improvident and Wasteful Ancestors,” Presentation to the Peak to Peak Project, University of Colorado, Boulder, CO, March 12, 2012.

“A Ditch in Time: Denver, Water, and the West,” Sunbelt Prisons and the Carceral State: New Frontiers of State Power, Resistance, and Racial Oppression, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, TX, March 22, 2012.

Panelist, “Historical Role of Government,” Rediscovering Government Launch Conference, The New School, New York, NY, March 28, 2012. (Unable to travel due to illness; speech read by fellow panelists.)

Panel Chair and Commentator, “Thinking Like an Ecosystem: Searching for a Holistic Approach to Federal Land Management,” From the Local to the Global: Ethics, Environmentalism, and Environmental History in an Interdependent World, American Society for Environmental History Annual Conference, Madison, WI, March 29, 2012. (Unable to travel due to illness; speech read in absentia.)

Panel Moderator, “Whose Land Is It Anyway: Public vs. Private Resources,” 64th Annual Conference on World Affairs, University of Colorado Boulder, April 9, 2012.

Panelist, “Patents as the Modern-Day Gold Rush,” Silicon Flatirons Conference, “Patents: Home on the Range or Wild Frontier?” University of Colorado Law School, Boulder, CO, April 24, 2012.

Keynote Address, “Steering Knowledge: Accident-Prevention on the On-Ramps and Off-Ramps of Graduate Education,” “Celebrating Silver & Preparing for Gold: The Transition from Graduate Admissions to Graduate Enrollment Management,” The National Association of Graduate Admissions Professionals Annual Conference, University of Texas, Austin, TX, April 28, 2012.

“A Ditch in Time,” Presentation to the Intermountain West Funder Network Dinner, Denver, CO, May 10, 2012.

Introducer and Host, Water 2012 Book Club’s Continuing Legal Education Series featuring Justice Gregory Hobbs, Denver, CO, June 18, 2012.

Presenter and Panelist, “Water History and Misconceptions,” Theodore Roosevelt and Water in the West Symposium, History Colorado Center and Metro State College, Denver, CO, June 30, 2012

“Greatest Hits of CAMW 2001,” Yale Class of 1969 Mini-Reunion, Boulder, CO, July 12, 2012.

“A Ditch in Time: Denver, Water, and the West,” City of Boulder’s Water 2012, Boulder Public Library, Boulder, CO, July 18, 2012.

Panelist, “Author’s Panel,” 37th Annual Colorado Water Workshop, Western State College, Gunnison, CO, July 19-20, 2012.

Panelist, “Is Douglas County Really Thirsty?” Douglas County at the Crossroads, Highlands Ranch Library, Highlands Ranch, CO, July 20, 2012.

“A Ditch in Time,” The 3rd Third Seminar, Golden, CO, August 16, 2012.

“Too Close to Home: Facing Sand Creek on the CU Boulder Campus,” One Action, One Boulder, Boulder, CO, August 30, 2012.

“A Ditch in Time: The City, the West, and Water” Book Release, University of Colorado, Boulder, CO, September 6, 2012.

Keynote Address, Union Pacific 150th Celebration Presentation, Club 20 Fall Meeting, Grand Junction, CO, September 8, 2012.

Panel Moderator, “Clerks and Cowboys: The General Land Office and the Shaping of the United States,” The Nation Possessed Conference, University of Colorado, Boulder, CO, September 12, 2012.

Panel Moderator, six sessions (“Burning Man Meets Managing Man: The BLM and the Managing of American Art;” “Reconciling the Treasures of Resources with the Treasures of Beauty and Biology: The BLM and Art of American Energy;” “Science vs. Emotion: Making Informed Decisions in the Midst of a Stampede;” “Respecting Prosperity’s Property;” and “Orchestrating Tradition and Change: Emphasizing Conservation in the BLM,” The Nation Possessed Conference, University of Colorado, Boulder, CO, September 12-14, 2012.

Reenactment/Pre-enactment Event, “The Public Domain and Public Lands: 1812, 1912, 2112,” The Nation Possessed Conference, University of Colorado, Boulder, CO, September 13, 2012.

Roundtable Moderator, “Turning Hindsight into Foresight: The Past and Future of America’s Public Lands,” The Nation Possessed Conference, University of Colorado, Boulder, CO, September 14, 2012.

Keynote Address, “Tradition and Change in Forest Service: Reflections of an Armchair Quarterback and Grateful Citizen,” “Rendezvous in the Rockies,” Forest Service Reunion, Vail, CO, September 18, 2012.

Panelist, Presidential Debate Watch, History Colorado, Denver, CO, October 3, 2012.

Presenter, Water Book Club’s Continuing Legal Education Series Live Broadcast, Denver, CO, October 8, 2012.

Presenter, Movie Talkback for Chinatown, The Boedecker Theatre's Sunday Movie Classics Series, Boulder, CO, October 21, 2012.

Presenter, A Ditch in Time Book Signing Event, Rocky Mountain Land Series, Tattered Cover Bookstore, Denver, CO, October 23, 2012.

Keynote Address, "A Ditch in Time: The City, The West, and Water," 23rd Annual South Platte Forum, Longmont, CO, October 24, 2012.

"Those Who Labor in the Archives Are the Chosen People of God, If Ever He Had a Chosen People: Or, How The Legacy of Conquest Could Have Been a Better Book If Its Author Had Spent a Season at the American Antiquarian Society," American Antiquarian Society's Annual Robert C. Baron Lecture, Worcester, MA, October 25, 2012.

Featured Author, "*A Ditch in Time: The City, The West, and Water*", American Association of University Women's Authors' Day, Colorado Springs, CO, October 27, 2012.

Keynote Speaker, "A Ditch in Time: Denver, the West, and Water," Northern Water Fall Water Users Meeting Luncheon, Greeley, CO, November 7, 2012.

Q&A, Losing the West, Rocky Mountain Premier film screening, Denver Film Center, Denver, CO, November 14, 2012

"A Ditch in Time," Presentation and book signing, Denver Water Board Meeting, Denver, CO, November 28, 2012.

"A Ditch in Time," Silver Sneakers Speaker Series, Boulder, CO, November 29, 2012.

"Words of Wisdom," Boulder Rotary Club meeting, Boulder, Colorado, January 11, 2013.

"A Ditch in Time: The City, The West, and Water," 50 for Colorado meeting, Boulder, Colorado, January 18, 2013.

Panelist, "The Role of Land Use in Shaping the Cities in Which Families and Children Live, Learn, Work and Play," Denver University Law Review Symposium, Denver, Colorado, February 1, 2013.

"Beginning with Banning: From Conquest to Civil Rights, from Stagecoaches to VW Bugs, from the Old West to the New Western History," Banning Centennial Celebration, Banning, California, February 9, 2013.

"A Ditch in Time: The City, the West, and Water," Water and the Arts Symposium. One World One Water Center, Denver, Colorado, February 26, 2013.

"A Ditch in Time: Denver, the West, and Water," Keynote speaker, Big Thompson Watershed Forum, University of Northern Colorado Greeley, February 28, 2013.

"A Ditch in Time," Speech and Q&A, Coping with Extremes: A Western Water History Symposium, Colorado State University, Fort Collins, Colorado, March 1, 2013.

Table Host, "Controversy, Water, and Adrenaline: Navigating the Rapids of Public Discussion with Denver Water as Your Fellow Passenger," Water Tables 2013, Water In the West: Coping With Extremes, Colorado State University, Fort Collins, Colorado, March 2, 2013.

"A Ditch in Time: Denver, the West, and Water," Come to the Well: Conversations on Wine and Water, University of Denver Sturm College of Law, Denver, Colorado, March 6, 2013.

"The West Beneath the Surface: Natural Gas Development in the Big Picture of Western Extractive Industries," Hartman Hotz Lecture, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, Arkansas, March 13, 2013.

"A Ditch in Time: Denver, the West, and Water," Bighorn Leadership Program, Alumni Event, Denver, Colorado, March 16, 2013.

"A Ditch in Time: The City, the West, and Water," University of Colorado Hydrologic Sciences Symposium, Boulder, Colorado, March 18, 2013.

"The West Beneath Its Surface: Natural Gas Development in the Big Picture of Western Extractive Industry," FrackingSense Series, University of Colorado, Boulder, February 26, 2013.

Moderator, FrackingSense Series Presentation by Susan Tierney, "Unconventional Natural Gas: Trends, Opportunities, and Challenges with America's New Energy Resource," University of Colorado, Boulder, March 5, 2013.

Moderator, FrackingSense Series Presentation by Reagan Waskom, "Water for Energy: How Much Does It Take? How Much Will We Need?" University of Colorado, Boulder, March 5, 2013.
Moderator, FrackingSense Series Presentation by Charles Davis, "The Politics of Fracking," University of Colorado, Boulder, March 12, 2013

Moderator, FrackingSense Series Presentation by Kirby Wynn, "Garfield County's Lessons Learned about Oil and Gas Development: Building Relationships with Industry and the Community to Effectively Address Citizen Concerns," University of Colorado, Boulder, April 2, 2013.

"A Ditch in Time: Denver, the West, and Water," Phi Beta Kappa Annual Banquet, Denver, Colorado, April 3, 2013.

Moderator, "Junk Science Policy," Conference on World Affairs, University of Colorado, Boulder, April 9, 2013.

Moderator, FrackingSense Series Presentation by Joe Ryan, "What Do We Know and Not Know about the Risk of Oil and Natural Gas Development to Our Water Supplies," University of Colorado, Boulder, April 16, 2013.

Moderator, FrackingSense Series Presentation by Jana Milford and Gabrielle Petron, "Atmospheric Perspectives on Oil and Gas Operations," University of Colorado, Boulder, April 23, 2013.

Moderator, FrackingSense Series Presentation by Nick Flores, "Some Economic Aspects of Shale Oil and Gas Development," University of Colorado, Boulder, April 30, 2013.

Moderator, FrackingSense Series Conversation with Governor Hickenlooper, "Natural Gas Development in Colorado," University of Colorado, Boulder, May 2, 2013.

"A Ditch in Time," American Association of University Women Scholarship Fundraiser Brunch, University of Colorado, Boulder, May 4, 2013.

Seminar Series, CSU's Ecosystem Science and Sustainability Department. Colorado State University, Fort Collins, May 10, 2013

"A Ditch in Time: Denver, the West, and Water," Boulder book club discussion group, Boulder, May 15, 2013

Presenter of the Parkman Prize, Society of American Historians Annual Dinner, New York, May 19, 2013

"The Department of the Interior and the American West: A Tale of Bureaucracy and Passion", History Colorado Lecture Series, Denver, May 21, 2013

"A Ditch in Time: The City, the West, and Water," Denver Association of Business Economists, Denver, May 22, 2013

"A Ditch in Time: Denver, the West, and Water," Cactus Club book club, Denver, June 4, 2013

"A Ditch in Time: The City, the West, and Water," American Waterworks Association Annual Conference Private Dinner, Denver, June 8, 2013

Keynote, "The West and Water: Filtering Out the Conventional Wisdom and Producing More User-Friendly Historical Lessons", American Waterworks Association Annual Conference, Denver, June 11, 2013

Commencement address, UC Santa Cruz, Santa Cruz, June 13, 2013

Q&A Boulder Lunch Optimist Club, Boulder June 19, 2013

Speaker, Topic: Colorado History, CO Municipal League Elected Officials Luncheon and Student Essay Contest Award Ceremony, Vail, June 21, 2013

"Words of Wisdom," Fort Collins Rotary Club meeting, Fort Collins, Colorado, June 26, 2013.

Moderator, Speakers Michael Kinsley and Ted Conover, Aspen Historical Society's 50th Anniversary, Aspen, July 8, 2013.

Moderator, Speakers Tony Vagneur and Steve Friesen, Aspen Historical Society's 50th Anniversary, Aspen, July 9, 2013.

Moderator, "Energy and the West," Speaker Randy Udall, Aspen Historical Society's 50th Anniversary, Aspen, July 10, 2013.

Q&A Coffee Hour, Aspen Historical Society's 50th Anniversary, Aspen, July 12, 2013.
"Energy Development and Consumption in the 21st Century," Clinica at Biennial of the Americas, Denver, July 17, 2013.

"Characters of the West, Legends and Perceptions," Palm Springs Art Museum Supporters gathering, Denver, July 19, 2013.

"A Ditch in Time, and the lessons that can be extrapolated for the oil and gas industry," Technical Session 2, 25th Annual Natural Gas Strategy Conference and Executive Forum, Rocky Mountain Energy Summit, Denver, August 6, 2013.

Keynote Speaker, "A Ditch in Time, The City, The Water, & The West," Project WET Foundation Conference, Denver, August 8, 2013.

"Fracking," Littleton Rotary Club, Columbine Valley, August 20, 2013.

Keynote Speaker, "A Ditch in Time: The City, The West, and Water," American Water Works Association, Rocky Mountain Section Conference, Keystone, September 9, 2013.

"A Ditch in Time: The City, The West, and Water," Conversations With Authors, Loveland American Association of University Women, Loveland, October 5, 2013.

"A Ditch in Time: The City, The West and Water," Denver Garden Club, Denver, October 15, 2013.

"A Ditch in Time," Greeley Rotary Club, Greeley, October 16, 2013.

"Moderating the Debate over Hydraulic Fracturing: Adventures in Applied History," Retired Faculty Association Business Meeting, University of Colorado, Boulder, October 23, 2013.

"Discussion of Recent Flooding Events," Scripps Fellowship Seminar, University of Colorado Boulder, October 24, 2013.

Moderator, "Changing Weather and Colorado Business," Environmental Defense Fund Discussion Event, Denver, October 28, 2013.

"Understanding the Underworld: Hydraulic Fracturing and the Depths of the Humanities," Wyoming Institute for Humanities, Laramie, October 30, 2013.

Panel Speaker, "Troubling the Disciplines", Interdisciplinary Americas: The Legacies of African American Studies, American Studies, and History at Yale, Yale Alumni Conference, Yale University, New Haven, November 8, 2013.

"Higher Education in the American West," Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education, Boulder, November 11, 2013.

Panelist, "The Public Intellectual," American Studies Association Student Committee, Washington

D.C., November 21, 2013.

“A Ditch in Time: The City, the West, and Water,” American Water Works Association Lunch and Learn, Denver, December 9, 2013.

Moderator, Petrie Institute Symposium: Journey’s West, Denver Art Museum, Denver, January 8, 2014.

“New Western History and the Idea of the West,” Western History Lecture Series, Maime Doud Eisenhower Library, Broomfield, January 9, 2014.

“Hydraulic Fracturing,” Tribal Summit on the Four Corners, Denver, January 29, 2014.

“Colorado History, As Viewed from The Center of the American West,” Osher Lifelong Learning Institute West, Golden, February 7, 2014.

Moderator/Host, FrackingSENSE with Barbara Green, “Oil and Gas Permitting: Who’s in Charge? Does it Matter?” University of Colorado, Boulder, CO, February 11, 2014.

“Hydraulic Fracturing: What we know, What we don't know, and What we hope to learn about Oil and Gas Development,” Democratic Women of Boulder County, February 12, 2014.

Panelist, “Historic Overview,” Water Crisis in the West: Thinking Like a Watershed, Albuquerque, February 13, 2014.

“Japanese Americans Internment Impact on the History of the American West,” Day of Remembrance, Mile High Chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League, Denver, February 16, 2014.

Panelist, “Fire and Water,” Alexander Dawson School Current Issues Discussion Panel, Lafayette, February 21, 2014.

Moderator/Host, FrackingSENSE 2.0 with Roger Fragua, “Natural Gas Development and Indian Country,” University of Colorado, Boulder, CO, February 25, 2014.

Panelist, “ASA Boycott of Israeli Universities-Con Argument”, Rocky Mountain Peace and Justice Center, University of Colorado Boulder, March 4, 2014.

Moderator/Host, FrackingSENSE 2.0 with Tim Wirth and Jim Martin, “Thinking About Fracking and Other Mysteries,” University of Colorado, Boulder, CO, March 10, 2014.

Moderator/Host, FrackingSENSE 2.0 with Pete Morton, “Redefining Responsible Oil and Gas Development,” University of Colorado, Boulder, CO, March 11, 2014.

Moderator/Host, FrackingSENSE 2.0 with Rebecca Watson, “Is the Oil and Gas Industry Exempt From Major Environmental Laws and What About That “Fracking” Loophole?” University of Colorado, Boulder, CO, March 18, 2014.

Keynote Address, "The Frontiers of the Knowable: Celebrating the Uncertainty of the Past and the Uncertainty of the Future" National Counsel for History Education's Annual Meeting, Albuquerque, March 21, 2014.

"FrackingSense: The Adventures of a Historian in a Tense Terrain," Frasier Meadows Retirement Community in Boulder, March 26, 2014.

"A Fractured Society Confronts Hydraulic Fracturing: How Historical Perspective Makes a Current Dilemma Both Better and Worse," Harding Lecture, South Dakota State University, March 30, 2014.

Moderator/Host, FrackingSENSE 2.0 with Norman Warpinski, "Hydraulic Fracturing: Where Does the Research Lead Us?" University of Colorado, Boulder, CO, April 1, 2014.

Panelist, "Minerals," Property Rights in Spectrum, Water, and Minerals, Silicon Flatirons Center Conference at the University of Colorado, Boulder April 3, 2014.

Panelist, Crossing the Boundary Between Academic and Public Practice, OAH Annual Meeting in Atlanta, GA, April 11, 2014.

Moderator/Host, FrackingSENSE Greeley with Will Fleckenstein, Joe Ryan, & Debra Higley, "Risk Assessment & Modern Life, with Air Quality Emphasis," Greeley, CO, April 14, 2014.

Moderator/Host, FrackingSENSE 2.0 with Josh Joswick, "Oil and Gas Accountability Project and former La Plata County Commissioner," University of Colorado, Boulder, CO, April 15, 2014.

Roundtable participant, "Shale Development & Social License to Operate," University of Colorado Law School, Boulder, CO, April 22, 2014.

Moderator/Host, FrackingSENSE Greeley with John Adgate, Jim Martin, Garry Kaufman, "Risk Assessment & Modern Life, with Air Quality Emphasis," Greeley, CO, April 28, 2014.

Keynote address at Water Research Foundation Workshop, "Hydraulic Fracturing: Developing Water and Oil & Gas Sector Partnerships," Denver, CO, April 28, 2014.

"The West and Water: Filtering Out the Conventional Wisdom and Producing More User-Friendly Historical Lessons," Keynote Address, National Groundwater Association Groundwater Summit, Denver, CO, May 5, 2014.

Moderator/Host, FrackingSENSE Greeley with Matt Lepore, Mike Paules, David Baumgarten, Gary Graham, "The Regulatory Environment for Oil & Gas," Greeley, CO, May 12, 2014.

"FrackingSENSE: The Adventures of a Historian in a Tense Terrain," Northern Colorado Geology Group, Fort Collins, CO, May 13, 2014.

"Understanding the Underworld: Hydraulic Fracturing and the Depths of the Humanities" Denver Metro Area Forever Buffs Alumni Club, Denver, CO, May 21, 2014.

Opening Address, “Framing the Discussion: Tackling Issues of Uncertainty, Terminology & Sensitivity,” The 35th annual Martz Summer Conference, Water and Air Quality Issues in Oil and Gas Development: The Evolving Framework of Regulation and Management, Boulder, CO, June 5, 2014.

Moderator and Co-Organizer, “The Raid in Retrospect,” Rocky Flats Then and Now: 25 Years after the Raid, Arvada, CO, June 7, 2014.

Panel Moderator, Hydraulic Fracturing at Forum for Civic Advancement, El Pomar Foundation, Colorado Springs, CO, June 19, 2014.

Moderator and Co-Organizer, “Local Responses to Unconventional Oil and Gas Development,” Consensus Building Institute, Denver, CO, June 27, 2014.

Moderator, “Federal, State, Local & Industry Perspectives on Oil and Gas Development,” Public Health and the Environment Symposium, University of Colorado Denver, Anschutz Medical Campus, June 30, 2014

“Political Directness,” Consultation with Governor Hickenlooper’s Cabinet, Denver, CO, July 1, 2014.

Opening Speech, “The View from the East: The Federal Government and the American West,” NEH Summer Institute at George Mason University, Fairfax, VA, July 8, 2014.

Moderator, “A discussion about the pros/cons of oil & gas exploration and the economic vs. environmental impacts from the 30,000-foot view,” Energy Summit hosted by BizWest LLC Loveland, CO, July 10, 2014

“Extractive Industry in your Neighborhood,” Keynote Address, Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation anniversary conference, Vail, CO, July 17, 2014

Table Discussion Facilitator, COGA Thought Leaders Dinner, Energy Expedition, 2014 Rocky Mountain Energy Summit, Denver, CO, August 6, 2014.

“Fracking,” Presentation to Arthur Young alumni group, Lakewood, CO August 12, 2014

“FrackingSENSE: The Adventures of a Historian in a Tense Terrain,” SRN Students Luncheon, University of Colorado, Boulder, CO, August 13, 2014

“Western Development Issues,” Welcoming talk, Planning & Design Graduate Student Orientation, University of Colorado, Denver, CO, August 13, 2014

“A Ditch in Time,” Local Book Group Discussion, Boulder, CO, August 15, 2014

Opening speech and Moderator, “Oil and Gas: The Adventures of a Historian in Tense Terrain,” ‘Community Conversation’ at Colorado Mountain College, Rifle, CO, August 23, 2014.

Keynote speech, The Fractured Underworld: the Thoughts of a Surface Dweller Drawn into the

Depths,” Under Western Skies International Conference: Environment, Technologies, and Community, Mount Royal University, Calgary Alberta, September 10, 2014.

“Report on FrackingSENSE, Spring 2014,” Presentation to the Greeley City Council, Greeley, CO, September 2, 2014.

“Neutrality in Fracking,” Scripps Institute Fellows Luncheon, University of Colorado Boulder, CO, September 18, 2014.

Moderator, “What’s going on in the conversation between industry and citizens in Colorado? Reconciling community and industry perspectives,” Ritter Natural Gas Symposium, Colorado State University, Denver, CO, September 24, 2014.

“What We Know and Need to Know About Hydraulic Fracturing,” Ute Tribe Tribal Energy Conference, Denver, CO, October 14, 2014.

“A Ditch in Time,” Colorado Heritage Club at Anthem Ranch, Broomfield, October 15, 2014.

“Center of the American West’s mission and vision,” Arts and Sciences Leadership Society Tour, University of Colorado, Boulder, CO, November 13, 2014.

“The Value and Fate of the American West,” Watershed School, Boulder, CO, November 17, 2014.

“Water in the West,” Holiday Luncheon, Leeds Real Estate Center, Denver, CO, December 3, 2014.

Panelist, Keynote session, “Technological Advances, Risk Tradeoffs, and Societal Concerns Associated With Hydraulic Fracturing,” Society for Risk Analysis Annual Meeting, Denver, CO, December 8, 2014.

Panelist, “The Above Ground Issues in Energy and Energy Development in Colorado,” The 50th Annual Colorado Business Economic Outlook Forum, Denver, CO, December 8, 2014.

Moderator, “Western Character: Expressions of Identity and Place in Portraiture,” Petrie Institute of Western American Art, Denver, CO, January 7, 2015.

“Fractured Disciplines Meet Hydraulic Fracturing: A Cost/Benefit Analysis of Collaboration Between the Humanities and Natural Sciences,” School of the Environment and Sustainability Colloquium Series, University of Colorado, Boulder, CO, January 28, 2015.

Panelist, “Page Smith’s Influence at Cal,” Celebrating Page and Eloise Smith, University of California, Santa Cruz, CA, January 31, 2015.

“FrackingSENSE: The Adventures of a Historian in a Tense Terrain,” University Women’s Club Luncheon, Boulder, CO, February 10, 2015.

“Colorado’s Controversy Over Hydraulic Fracturing: The Big Picture as Seen from the Point of View of a Shuttle Diplomat,” Denver Petroleum Club, Denver, CO, February 12, 2015.

“Water in the West,” Teach-In: The Western Frontier, University of Oklahoma, Norman, OK, March 9, 2015.

Panelist, “The Frontier, The American Dream and The Role of Public Higher Education in the Future,” Teach-In: The Western Frontier, University of Oklahoma, Norman, OK, March 9, 2015.

Moderator, “The Return of FrackingSENSE: Community Impacts from Hydraulic Fracturing,” with Dr. Jeffrey Jacquet, University of Colorado, Boulder, CO, March 11, 2015.

Moderator, "Local Responses to Fracking: Regulatory Approaches," The Rocky Mountain Land Institute 24th Annual Conference: Western Places, Western Space Conference, Denver, CO, March 11, 2015.

Panelist, “Plenary III: The Unconventional Resources: Same Issues, Different Perspectives,” SPE E&P Health Safety, Security, and Environmental Conference—Americas, Denver, CO, March 18, 2015.

"Fractured Disciplines Meet Hydraulic Fracturing: A Cost/Benefit Analysis of Collaboration Between the Social Sciences/Humanities and Engineering Sciences," ConocoPhillips Center for a Sustainable We2st, Colorado School of Mines, Golden, CO, March 25, 2015.

“Water for Oil and Gas Development,” 2015 Irrigationists Symposium, Colorado Water Officials Association, Loveland, CO, March 26, 2015.

Moderator, Spring 2015 Symposium of Solutions, No Labels at CU Boulder, University of Colorado, Boulder, March 31, 2015.

“Fool’s Enterprise: A Personal History,” Distinguished Visiting Fool Award, University of Colorado, Boulder, CO, April 1, 2015.

Moderator, “The Return of FrackingSENSE: Discussing Hydraulic Fracturing and the Hopes of Professors: A Cost/Benefit Analysis of the Choice Between Advocacy and Neutrality,” with Dr. Anthony Ingraffea, University of Colorado, Boulder, CO, April 8, 2015.

Panelist, “Water Law and the History of Developing the West Roundtable,” University of Denver Law Review Eighth Annual Symposium, Denver, CO, April 10, 2015.

Master of Ceremonies, 25th Anniversary Celebration, Energy Outreach Colorado, Denver, CO, April 23, 2015.

Moderator, “The Return of FrackingSENSE: The Politics of Shale Gas in the United Kingdom,” with Dr. Mathew Cotton, University of Colorado, Boulder, CO, April 28, 2015.

“Turning Hindsight into Foresight: The Current State Water Plan in Historical Perspective,” American Water Resources Association Colorado Symposium, Golden, CO, May 1, 2015.

Panelist, “Leading Through Authorship,” Women’s Forum of Colorado Author’s Panel, University of Colorado, Boulder, CO, May 14, 2015.

Keynote Speaker, “The Holdings of a Pack Rat: Exploring the American West Through the 'Limerick Archive',” Society of Rocky Mountain Archivists Western Roundup, Denver, CO, May 28, 2015.

Opening Speaker, “Promoting the Field of Collaborative Governance: The Role of Equity/Diversity and Leveraging our Connections,” Policy Consensus Initiative Board of Directors and the University Network for Collaborative Governance 2015 Conference, Denver, CO, May 31, 2015.

“Natural Resource Policy in the West: A Brief History of Minerals, Water & Public Lands in

Colorado,” Colorado Counties Inc. 2015 Summer Conference, Keystone, CO, June 2, 2015.

“Water as Medium that Impacts Human Experience, Growth of Communities, Politics, and Ecological Disasters,” Media Ecology Association's National Convention, Denver, CO, June 11, 2015.

“Untitled: Habitat,” Denver Art Museum’s Untitled Final Fridays, Denver, CO, June 26, 2015.

Moderator, “Teaching About Controversial Issues: The Case of Hydraulic Fracture Stimulation (aka Fracking),” Earth Educators’ Rendezvous 2015, University of Colorado, Boulder, CO, July 14, 2015.

“Making Peace with our Predecessors: Western Water History as a Wildly Complicated Heritage,” Colorado State University Water Resources Archive’s Western Water Symposium and Barbeque, Fort Collins, CO, July 27, 2015.

“Picnicking with Paradox: Rocky Mountain National Park’s 100th Birthday,” History Colorado Rocky Mountain National Park Centennial Speaker Series, Denver, CO, August 6, 2015.

“The Fool's Enterprise: A Four-Decade-Long Experiment with Spirit-Lifting Results,” Boulder Rotary Club, Boulder, CO, August 14, 2015.

Panelist, “Water Panel,” Leadership Foundation Fall Forum, Denver, CO, September 2, 2015.

“Who Writes History and Why Does It Matter?” University of New Mexico, Taos, NM, September 9, 2015.

Panelist, “Closing the Digital Divide,” Silicon Flatirons Conference, University of Colorado, Boulder, CO, September 17, 2015.

Panelist, “How Colorado’s Research Institutions Fit Into the State of Colorado Economic and Cultural Development Strategy,” University of Denver Higher Education Discussion, Denver, CO, September 18, 2015.

American Association of University Women Foothills Branch Author’s Luncheon, Golden, CO, September 19, 2015.

Panelist, “The Spell of the Sea, The Lure of the Land,” (The Pulse of World Literature) Jaipur Literature Festival, Boulder, CO, September 19, 2015.

Panelist, “Natives and Newcomers: The Way We Lived,” (The Pulse of World Literature) Jaipur Literature Festival, Boulder, CO, September 20, 2015.

“The West and the Department of the Interior,” Scripps Fellowship Seminar, Boulder, CO, October 1, 2015.

“The Oil Shale Industry's Fortunes in an Era of Dramatic – and Puzzling! – Change,” 35th Oil Shale Symposium, Salt Lake City, UT, October 5-7, 2015.

“The Significance of the Bureaucrat in Western American History: Hair-Raising Tales from the Department of the Interior,” Western Lands & Peoples: Perspectives on the American West Lecture Series, Montana State University, Bozeman, MT, October 16, 2015.

Panelist, “‘Rivers and Mountains:’ Integration and Segregation on Colorado’s Front Range,” The Western History Association’s 55th Annual Conference, Portland, OR, October 23, 2015.

Panelist, “Doing Battle With the Zombies of Western History,” The Western History Association’s 55th Annual Conference, Portland, OR, October 24, 2015.

Panelist, "Finding Common Ground: Successful Partnerships between Environmental Groups and Water Management," National Water Resources Association 2015 Annual Conference, Denver, CO, November 5, 2015.

"The Terrain of Trust: An Expedition into the Subsurface of Public Discussion of Oil and Gas Development," The University of Tulsa's 22nd International Petroleum Environmental Conference Luncheon, Denver, CO, November 19, 2015.

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS:

Association for Asian American Studies
American Antiquarian Society
American Historical Association
Organization of American Historians
American Studies Association
Western History Association
Society of American Historians
Authors' Guild
PEN American Center
National Association for Chicano and Chicana Studies
American Association for the Advance of Science
Society of American Foresters
American Planning Association
The Urban History Association
Women's Forum of Colorado
Society for the History of Technology
American Society of Environmental History
National Museum of Forest History

COMMITTEE SERVICE:

Harvard: Faculty Council (1981-1984); Nieman Journalism Selection Committee (1981); Nieman Advisory Committee (1983-1984); Committee on Student Life (1983-1984); Committee on the Status of Non-Resident Students; Committee on Disabled Students and the University.

University of Colorado: Committee on Courses (1985-1989); Council on Academic Programs in the Residence Halls (1987); Chair, U.S. Context Curriculum Revision Committee (1987-1988); Steering Committee, Center for Studies of Race and Ethnicity in America (1987-1989); Graduate School Committee on Arts and Humanities (1988-1991); Review Committee, Communications Department Program Review (1988); University Club Board of Directors (1988-1991); Student Affairs Advisory Board (1996-1998); Chancellor's Search Committee (1996-1997); Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Search Committee (1997-1998); ATLAS Advisory Board;

Presidential Search Committee (2008); Federal Relations Advisory Council Committee; Flagship 2030 Outreach Task Force; Campus Energy Initiative; Hazel Barnes Prize Selection Committee; Center for Western Civilization Faculty Advisory Council; Internal Review Committee for Religious Studies (**YEAR**); Program Reviewer, Evolutionary Biology (2012); Sustainability, Energy and Environment Complex, Executive Steering Committee (2015).

Professional: American Studies Association Bibliography Committee (1984-1987); Western History Association Program Committee (1986); Western History Association Oscar O. Winther Prize Committee, Chair (1987); Board of Editors, **Western Historical Quarterly, 1987--**; Program Committee Chair, Western Historical Association, 1989 (for 1990 convention); President (2014-2015), Organization of American Historians, 1992 Program Committee; Member, American Studies Association, 1992 Program Committee; 1992 Parkman Prize Committee, Society of American Historians; Member, Western History Association Program Committee for 1994; Member of Council, American Studies Association (1994-1997); President, American Studies Association (1996); Member, Frederick Jackson Turner Prize Committee, Organization of American Historians (1997); Member, Jury for the Pulitzer Prize in Nonfiction (1999); Executive Board, Society of American Historians (1997-2003); President, Western History Association (2000); Executive Board, Organization of American Historians, 1999-2002; Member, Jury for the Pulitzer Prize in Nonfiction (2003); Nominating Committee, American Historical Association, 2001-2004; Member, Lukas Book Prize Committee (2008); Member, Ray Allen Billington Prize Committee, Organization of American Historians 2008-2009; Vice President Teaching, American Historical Association 2010-2011; Chair, Jury for the Pulitzer Prize in History (2011); National History Center Board 2010-2011; National Museum of Forest Service History Board 2010-2011; Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History Advisory Board; Penguin History of American Life Board; Vice President, Organization of American Historians; President, Society of American Historians; Organization of American Historians, Disability and Disability History Committee(____), Executive Committee(____), Finance Committee(____), Friends of History Award Committee (____), Fredrick Jackson Turner Prize Committee (2015)

Community Service: State Coordinator, Colorado History Day, 1984-1987; Official Fool, Yale University (1979), Harvard University (1984), University of Colorado, Boulder (1987--); Official Fool of the Australian and New Zealand American Studies Association, 1994--; volunteer, Adult Literacy Program, Boulder Public Library; Member, Board of Trustees, Women of the West Museum, 1997-2001; inducted into Boulder Rotary, January 2001; Boulder Rotary Board; Energy Outreach Colorado Board, Boulder Sesquicentennial Organizational Committee; Chautauqua Board of Directors; The Estes Institute; American Historical Association, Tuning Committee (2015);

Manuscript evaluations for Harvard University Press, Oxford University Press, University of Arizona Press, University of Oklahoma Press, University of New Mexico Press, Cornell University Press, University of California Press, the Western Historical Quarterly, New Mexico Historical Review, Journal of American History, American Historical Review, and American Quarterly.