

CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION

1977-1984	Ph.D.	University of Michigan Ann Arbor, Michigan American Culture
1976-1977	M.A.	University of Michigan American Culture
1970-1974	B.A.	(with highest honors) Denison University Granville, Ohio History and Literature

EXPERIENCE IN HIGHER EDUCATION

Professor Department of History University of Colorado Boulder, Colorado	2013-
Associate Professor Department of History University of Colorado Boulder, Colorado	1994-2013
Assistant Professor Department of History University of Colorado Boulder, Colorado	1989-1994

Visiting Assistant Professor University of Texas at San Antonio San Antonio, Texas	1988–1989
Adjunct Lecturer Department of History University of Michigan-Flint Flint, Michigan	1986–1988
Visiting Instructor Department of History Grand Valley State College Allendale, Michigan	1984–1986

PUBLICATIONS: PEER-REVIEWED

Books

Class Unknown: Undercover Investigations of American Work and Poverty from the Progressive Era to the Present (New York: NYU Press, 2012)
American Socialists and Evolutionary Thought, 1870–1920 (Madison: University of Wisconsin Press, 1993)

In Progress

Article on “The Unitarian Radicalism of John Haynes Holmes: A Victorian in Modern America” (under review, *Church History*)
Book-length project on *The Unitarian Left in the Twentieth Century: Liberal Religion and Radical Politics*

Articles

“What’s on the Worker’s Mind: Class Passing and the Study of the Industrial Workplace in the 1920s,” *Journal of the History of the Behavioral Sciences* 39 (Spring 2003), 143-161
“A World of Difference: Constructing the ‘Underclass’ in Progressive America,” *American Quarterly* 49 (March 1997), 26–65
“Imagining Genocide in the Progressive Era: The Socialist Science Fiction of George Allan England,” *American Studies* 35 (1994), 91–108
“The Great Evasion: Religion and Science in the Socialism of Edmond Kelly,” *Journal of American Culture* 14 (1991), 13–18

“Science, Culture, and the New Socialist Intellectuals Before World War I,” *American Studies* 28 (1987), 73–91

“Evolution, ‘Woman’s Nature,’ and American Feminist Socialism, 1900–1915,” *Radical History Review* 36 (September, 1986), 47–61

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Encyclopedia articles

“Social Class,” in *Oxford Encyclopedia of American Social History*, ed. Lynn Dumenil and Paul Boyer (New York: Oxford University Press, 2012)

“Edward Livingston Youmans,” in *American National Biography*, ed. John A. Garraty (New York: Oxford University Press, 1999)

“John Reed: American Radical Journalist,” in Clifford S. Johnson, ed., *Book of Days 1987* (Ann Arbor, Michigan: Pierian Press, 1986)

Review essay

“Considering Capitalism in American Social Thought,” *Modern Intellectual History* 5 (April 2008), 179-194

Reviews

Disaster Citizenship: Survivors, Solidarity, and Power in the Progressive Era, by Jacob A. C. Remes (Urbana: University of Illinois Press, 2016), *Labor: Studies in Working-Class History of the Americas* 14 (May 2017), 144-146

Almost Worthy: The Poor, Paupers, and the Science of Charity in America, 1877-1917, by Brent Ruswick (Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 2013), *Journal of the Gilded Age and Progressive Era* 13 (October 2014), 619-622

John Spargo and American Socialism, by Marku Ruotsila (New York: Palgrave, 2006), *Journal of American History* 94 (December 2007), 973-974

Changing the World: American Progressives in War and Revolution, by Alan Dawley (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2003), *Journal of American History* 91 (June 2004), 277-278

Indispensable Outcasts: Hobo Workers and Community in the American Midwest, 1880-1930, by Frank Tobias Higbie (Urbana and Chicago: University of Illinois Press, 2003), *Labor: Studies in Working-Class History of the Americas* 1 (Summer 2004), 137-139

The Soul’s Economy: Market and Selfhood in American Thought, 1820-1920, by Jeffrey Sklansky (Chapel Hill and London: University of North Carolina Press, 2002), *Business History Review* 77 (Winter 2003), 747-749

The Jungle, prod. James Barrat (Discovery Communications, Inc., 2001), *Journal of American History* 88 (December, 2002), 1162-1163

- The Refuge of Affections: Family and American Reform Politics 1900-1920*, by Eric Rauchway (New York: Columbia University Press, 2001), reviewed for H-SHGAPÉ (Society for the History of the Gilded Age and Progressive Era), at www.h-net.msu.edu/reviews
- Social Control and Public Intellect: The Legacy of Edward A. Ross*, by Sean H. McMahon (New Brunswick, NJ: Transaction Publishers, 1999), in *Journal of the History of the Behavioral Sciences* 37 (Spring 2001), 176-177
- The Evangelist and the Impresario: Religion, Entertainment, and Cultural Politics in America, 1884-1914*, by Kathryn J. Oberdeck (Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, 1999), in *American Historical Review* 106 (April 2001), 586
- The Prophetic Tradition and Radical Rhetoric in America* (New York: New York University Press, 1997), by James Darsey, in *American Historical Review* 104 (February 1999), 179-180
- Utopianism and Radicalism in a Reforming America 1888-1918*, by Francis Robert Shor (Westport, CT: Greenwood Press, 1997), in *Labour/Le Travail* 42 (Fall 1998), 267-269
- John Gottlieb Morris: Man of God, Man of Science*. by Michael J. Kurtz (Baltimore: Maryland Historical Society, 1997), in *Journal of American History* 85 (June 1998), 228
- Race in North America: Origin and Evolution of a Worldview*, by Audrey Smedley (Boulder, Colorado: Westview Press, 1993), in *American Studies* 36 (1995), 166-167
- Three American Radicals*, by Sender Garlin (Boulder, CO: Westview Press, 1991), in *Against the Current* 8 (July-August 1993), 41-43
- Steinmetz: Engineer and Socialist*, by Ronald Kline (Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, 1992), in *Journal of American History* 80 (1993), 307-308
- Scott Nearing: An Intellectual Biography*, by John Saltmarsh (Philadelphia: Temple University Press, 1991), in *History of Education Quarterly* 33 (1993), 133-135
- Evolutionary Jurisprudence: Prospects and Limitations on the Use of Modern Darwinism Throughout the Legal Process*, by John H. Beckstrom (Urbana: University of Illinois Press, 1989), in *Legal Studies Forum* 13 (1989), 429-433

CONFERENCE PAPERS AND PARTICIPATION

- Chair, session on “Cultural Expressions in Linguistics, Business, and War,” Rocky Mountain Interdisciplinary History Conference, University of Colorado, September, 2019
- “Errant Unitarians and the Religious Left,” Workshop on Ecumenical Protestantism and Post-Protestant Secularism in the United States, 1917-2017; Berkeley Center for the Study of Religion, University of California Berkeley, October, 2017
- “Left-Wing Unitarianism and the Humanist Controversy: Theology and Politics Between the World Wars,” American Historical Association, Denver, Colorado, January, 2017

- Chair, session on “Human Rights Go Global: The International Committee for Political Prisoners, 1924-42,” American Historical Association, Denver, Colorado, January, 2017
- Commentator on Professor Miriam Kingsberg, “The Cultural Nation,” Faculty Colloquium, Department of History, University of Colorado, April, 2016
- Chair and commentator, session on “A Public of Professionals: The Postwar White-Collar Middle Class and Its Anxious Search for Legitimacy,” Society for United States Intellectual History, Washington, D.C., October, 2015
- “Liberal Theology and Oppositional Politics: The Unitarian Radicalism of John Haynes Holmes,” Society for United States Intellectual History, Irvine, California, November, 2013 (panel organizer and presenter)
- Chair, session on “Christian Communities and Challenges of Diplomacy,” Rocky Mountain Interdisciplinary History Conference, University of Colorado, September, 2013
- Commentator on Professor Lee Chambers, “The Roman Matron and the Iconography of Heroic Female Citizenship,” Faculty Colloquium, Department of History, University of Colorado, April, 2013
- “‘The Pen in Place of the Tongue’: John Haynes Holmes, Unitarian Social Activism, and Print Culture in Early Twentieth-Century America,” conference on “Protest on the Page,” Center for the History of Print and Digital Culture, University of Wisconsin, September, 2012
- Chair, session on “Patriotism, Population Control and Labor Politics in the United States,” Rocky Mountain Interdisciplinary History Conference, University of Colorado, September, 2011
- Chair, session on “Crisis and Identity in Post-Affluence America: Cultural Criticism, SDS, and Labor,” American Studies Association, San Antonio, Texas, November, 2010
- Chair, session on “Culture and Politics: America’s Twentieth Century,” Rocky Mountain Interdisciplinary History Conference, University of Colorado, September, 2009
- Commentator on Professor Tim Weston, “Journalism and China’s Troubled Entry into the World During the Era of the First World War,” Faculty Colloquium, Department of History, University of Colorado, April, 2007
- Presenter, “Author Meets Critics: Toby Higbie, *Indispensable Outcasts*,” Social Science History Association, Portland, Oregon, November, 2005
- Chair and commentator, session on “Detective Stories: Case Studies in American Political Surveillance,” Organization of American Historians, San Jose, California, April, 2005
- “Crossing the Class Line in the American Gilded Age: Position and Identification in Undercover Social Investigation,” American Historical Association, Seattle, Washington, January, 2005
- “Narrating Class Across Genre Lines in 1930s America,” Social Science History Association, Chicago, November, 2004

- Chair, session on “Progressivism and the Struggle for Power over Nature,” Rocky Mountain Interdisciplinary History Conference, University of Colorado, January, 2002
- “Studying Poverty and Being Poor: Social Knowledge and Identity Slippage in 1930s Chicago,” Great Lakes History Conference, Grand Rapids, Michigan, November, 2001
- “No More *Ants in Your Plants*: Hollywood, Poverty, and the Contexts of *Sullivan’s Travels*,” Congress of the Americas, University of the Americas, Puebla, Mexico, October, 2001
- Commentator on Professor Robert Darnton, “Poetry and the Police in Eighteenth-Century Paris,” Faculty Colloquium, Department of History, University of Colorado, September, 2001
- Commentator on Professor Eric Love, “The Way of All Flesh: Cremation and Burial in Victorian America,” Faculty Colloquium, Department of History, University of Colorado, March, 2001
- Chair, session on “Political Dissent and Radicalism,” Rocky Mountain Interdisciplinary History Conference, University of Colorado, September, 2000
- Chair, session on “The Scopes Trial Revisited: Raising Lost Voices, Complicating the Story,” Organization of American Historians, Toronto, Canada, April, 1999
- “Immigrant Workers and Yankee Investigators: Imagining a Multi-ethnic Workplace, 1919–1924,” American Studies Association, Kansas City, November, 1996
- “What’s on the Worker’s Mind: The Discovery of Working-class Psychology and the Continuity of Scientific Progressivism,” North American Labor History Conference, Wayne State University, October, 1996
- “A World of Difference: Constructing the ‘Underclass’ in Progressive America,” Faculty Colloquium, Department of History, University of Colorado, October, 1995
- Chair, session on “To See and to Take Pleasure in Seeing,” conference on “Looking at LIFE: Rethinking America’s Favorite Magazine, 1936–1972,” University of Colorado, September, 1995
- Panelist, “The Search for Legitimacy in the Academy,” Rocky Mountain American Studies Association, Colorado State University, April, 1995
- Chair and commentator, session on “Regional and Literary Aspects of Food and the War,” conference on “Eating for Victory: American Foodways and World War II,” University of Colorado, October, 1993
- “Public Intellectuals and Private Identities: Constructing the ‘Underclass’ in the Progressive Era,” Western Humanities Conference, University of Washington, October, 1992
- “Nature, Culture, and Racial Apocalypse in the Socialist Fiction of George Allan England,” Rocky Mountain American Studies Association, Denver, Colorado, April, 1991
- Commentator, session on “Free Expression in Postwar America,” conference on “The Cultural Context of Free Expression in Contemporary America,” University of Colorado, March, 1991

- “Seduced by Science: Gaylord Wilshire and American Socialism, 1900–1915,” Mid-America Conference on History, Fayetteville, Arkansas, September, 1990
- Commentator, session on “America as Text: Reading,” conference on “America as Text: (Re)Readings in American Culture,” University of Michigan, April, 1990
- Chair and commentator, session on “New Directions in Legal History,” American Culture Association, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, March, 1990
- “John Kennedy: History and Myth in American Culture,” conference on “The Sixties: Age of Acceleration,” University of Texas at San Antonio, February, 1989
- “The Great Evasion: Religion and Science in Early American Socialism,” Social Science History Association, Chicago, Illinois, November, 1988
- Chair and commentator, session on “Progressives and Politics,” Great Lakes History Conference, Grand Rapids, Michigan, April, 1986
- “Evolution, ‘Woman’s Nature,’ and American Feminist Socialism, 1900–1915,” Great Lakes History Conference, Grand Rapids, Michigan, April, 1985
- “Biology and Culture in American Socialism, 1900–1917,” Organization of American Historians, Los Angeles, California, April, 1984

OTHER PRESENTATIONS AND CONFERENCE INVOLVEMENT

- “The Paradox of American Nationalism,” guest lecture delivered to History 4020, “Comparative Nationalism,” University of Colorado, March, 2000
- “The American Radical Tradition,” Boulder Left Discussion Group, August, 1995
- Chair, session on “Bourgeois Culture and its Discontents,” graduate student conference on “Studies in European Cultural History,” University of Colorado, December, 1994
- Chair and Commentator, session on “Mythologies of Expansion,” New West Lecture Series, University of Colorado, April, 1992
- Co-organizer, conference on “The Cultural Context of Free Expression in Contemporary America,” University of Colorado, March, 1991
- Talk delivered to Graduate Women’s History Group on “Reconstructing the Mental Worlds of Early American Socialists,” Boulder, Colorado, December, 1990

TEACHING

Teaching Interests

American intellectual and cultural history, radicalism and reform, labor and class, religion and social movements, Gilded Age, twentieth-century America

Courses Taught

Graduate Seminar in U.S. Intellectual History

Graduate Readings in U.S. Intellectual History
Nineteenth-Century American Intellectual History
Twentieth-Century American Intellectual History
Culture Wars: Modernism, Mass Culture, and the Modern U.S.
Mind and Modernity: Comparative U.S.-Chinese Intellectual History
Intellectuals, Mass Culture, and Modernism, 1893-1941
American Thought and Culture, 1940–1960
American Radicalism, 1880–1980
America to 1865
America since 1865
Labor in America
American Thought and Culture Between World Wars
Postwar America
Basic Issues in American Culture
Popular Culture in American Society
Culture and Society in the 1930s
American Film Genres
Freshman Composition

HONORS AND AWARDS

College Scholar Award, College of Arts and Sciences, University of Colorado	2018
Notable Title, Society for U.S. Intellectual History Annual Book Award (for <i>Class Unknown</i>)	2013
Eugene M. Kayden Research Grant, University of Colorado	2011
Faculty Fellowship, Council on Research and Creative Work, University of Colorado	2006
Grant, Dean's Fund for Excellence, College of Arts and Sciences	2004
Constance Rourke Prize, American Studies Association: best <i>American Quarterly</i> article	1998
Fellowship, American Council of Learned Societies	1994–1995
Summer Stipend, National Endowment for the Humanities	1994
Teaching Excellence Award, Boulder Faculty Assembly	1993–1994
Dean's Special Grant for Professional Activities, College of Arts and Sciences, University of Colorado at Boulder	1993–1994

Rackham Predoctoral Fellow,
University of Michigan
Joe Lee Davis Fellow
Program in American Culture
University of Michigan

1981–1982

1980–1981

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

American Historical Association
American Studies Association
Organization of American Historians
Society for U.S. Intellectual History
Unitarian Universalist Historical Society

ACADEMIC SERVICE

Profession

Outside evaluator for promotion to full professor case, Northern Arizona University, 2015
Member of editorial board, *Encyclopedia of American Studies*, American Studies Association (2010-2013)
Referee for article manuscripts: *American Quarterly*, *Journal of American History*, *Journal of the History of the Behavioral Sciences*, *Journal of the History of Ideas*, *New Mexico Historical Review*
Referee for book manuscripts: Johns Hopkins University Press (2012); University of Illinois Press (2008); Rowman and Littlefield (1998)
Outside evaluator for tenure case, Drew University, 2003
Outside evaluator for tenure case, University of California at Riverside, 1998
Chair, Constance Rourke Prize Committee of the American Studies Association, 1997
Outside evaluator for tenure case, Colorado State University, 1996
Outside evaluator for tenure case, Ohio State University, 1995
Outside evaluator for an NEH-sponsored two-year grant to develop an American Studies program at Colorado State University, 1994–1995

University

Graduate Teaching Award Committee, 2012-2016
Reader for Kayden Prize Committee, 1992–2005
Dean's Small Grant Award Committee, Graduate School, Spring 1994 and Fall 1994
Judge for National History Day in Colorado competition, University of Colorado, 1991, 1992, 2007, 2014

College

Dean's Personnel Committee, 2016-2017, 2018-
Arts and Sciences Council, History Department representative, 2001-2002; 2013-2014
Core Curriculum Review Committee, 2013-2014
Reappointment committee for Instructor, Sewall Hall Residential
Academic Program, 2013
Budget Committee, College of Arts and Sciences, 2001-2002
Faculty Advisory Committee, American Studies Program, University of Colorado, 1989-
2002

Department

Associate Chair and Director of Graduate Studies, Department of History, University of
Colorado, 1996-1998
Graduate Studies Committee, 1992-1994, 2000-2001, 2007, 2009-2010, 2011-2012,
2018-
Associate Chair and Director of Undergraduate Studies, Department of History,
University of Colorado, 2002-2003
Undergraduate Studies Committee, 1989-1990, 2001-2002
Chair, Executive Committee, Department of History, University of Colorado, 2004-05
Executive Committee, Department of History, University of Colorado, 1990-1992, 2005-
2006, 2007-2009, 2012-2014, 2015-2017
Chair, reappointment committee of Dr. Vilja Hulden, 2019
Post-tenure Review Committee of Associate Professor Robert Ferry, 2019
Chair, ARPAC Self-Study Committee, Department of History, 2015-2016
Promotion committee of Associate Professor Lee Chambers, 2016
Post-tenure Review Committee of Professor Thomas Zeiler, 2016
Chair, promotion committee of Associate Professor Elizabeth Fenn, 2014
Post-tenure Review Committee of Associate Professor Tim Weston, 2013
Reappointment committee of Assistant Professor Francisco Barbosa, 2009
Faculty mentor, Assistant Professor Francisco Barbosa, 2009-2011
Post-tenure Review Committee of Associate Professor Eric Love, 2009
Post-tenure Review Committee of Associate Professor Lee Chambers, 2007
Faculty mentor, Assistant Professor Sanjay Gautam, 2005-06
Instructor evaluation committee, 2005-06
Tenure committee of Assistant Professor Susan Jones, 2004
Reappointment committee of Assistant Professor Eric Love, 2001
Ad Hoc Committee on the History Department Chair, 2000
Faculty mentor, Assistant Professor Eric Love, 2000-2003
Reappointment committee of Dr. Jay Fell (Instructor), 2000
Coordinator, History Department Faculty Colloquium Series, 1999-2000
Faculty mentor, Assistant Professor Tim Weston, 1996-1999
Tenure committee of Assistant Professor Julia Greene, 1998

Chair, reappointment committee of Dr. Leanne Sander, 1998

Presentation on "Creating and Teaching a 2000-level Course," Graduate Teacher
Program workshop for History graduate students, October 1998

Presentation on "Creating and Using an Employment File," Graduate Teacher Program
workshop for History graduate students, November 1997

Chair, reappointment committee of Assistant Professor Julia Greene, 1995

Presentation on "Teaching Critical Thinking" for History Department Workshop on
Critical Thinking, November, 1993