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EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

University of Colorado, Boulder, Colorado

Professor of History, 2016-present
Chair, Department of History, 2017-2021
Associate Professor of History, 2009-2016
Director of Graduate Studies, 2013-2015
Affiliate Faculty in Environmental Studies
Faculty Affiliate, Center of the American West

University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia

Associate Professor of History, 2004-2009
Director of Graduate Studies and Instructional Coordinator, 2008-2009
Assistant Professor of History, 2000-2004

University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Virginia

Postdoctoral Fellow in the History of Technology and the Environment, 1997-2000

EDUCATION

University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas – Ph. D. with Honors, December 1997.

Hamilton College, Clinton, New York – B.A. in American Studies, May 1987.

RESEARCH-IN-PROGRESS

Pulling the Teeth of the Tropics: An Environmental History of the U.S. Sanitary Program in Panama – This book-length project examines the relationships between disease, environmental change, racial segregation, labor control, and ideas of tropical nature as they manifest themselves during the U.S. construction of the Panama Canal.

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Single-Author Books

Let Us Now Praise Famous Gullies: Providence Canyon and the Soils of the South. Athens: University of Georgia Press, 2015.

* Winner of a **2016 GHRAC Award for Excellence in Research Using the Holdings of Archives**

Driven Wild: How the Fight against Automobiles Launched the Modern Wilderness Movement, Seattle: University of Washington Press, 2002.

Co-Authored Books

The Art of Managing Longleaf: A Personal History of the Stoddard-Neel Approach, with Leon Neel and Albert G. Way. Athens: University of Georgia Press, 2010.

Edited Books

Coastal Nature, Coastal Culture: Environmental Histories of the Georgia Coast, co-edited with Paul M. Pressly. Athens: University of Georgia Press, 2018.

* Winner of a **2019 GHRAC Award for Excellence in Advocacy**

Environmental History and the American South: A Reader, co-edited with Christopher Manganiello. Athens: University of Georgia Press, 2009.

Selected Articles, Book Chapters, and Review Essays

“A Subversive Bonanza: The Construction of the Panama Canal, the Biomedical and Life Sciences, and the Birth of Tropical Ecology,” in Martin Meiske and Eike-Christian Heine, eds., *Scientific Bonanzas: Infrastructures as Places of Knowledge and Production* (Pittsburgh: University of Pittsburgh Press, in production, 2021).

“The History of Conservation and the Conservation of History along the Georgia Coast,” in Paul S. Sutter and Paul M. Pressly, eds., *Coastal Nature, Coastal Culture: Environmental Histories of the Georgia Coast* (Athens: University of Georgia Press, 2018): 1-22.

“The First Mountain to Be Removed: Yellow Fever Control and the Construction of the Panama Canal,” in Ashley Carse, Christine Keiner, Pamela M. Henson, Marixa Lasso, Paul S. Sutter, Megan Raby, and Blake Scott, “Panama Canal Forum: From the Conquest of Nature to the Construction of New Ecologies,” *Environmental History* 21 (2016): 206-287.

“Geographies of Hope: Lessons from a World of National Parks,” in Mark Fiege, Adrian Howkins, and Jared Orsi, eds., *National Parks Beyond the Nation* (Norman: University of Oklahoma Press, 2016): 278-296.

“Waving the Muddy Shirt,” in Brian Drake, editor, *The Blue, the Gray, and the Green: Toward an Environmental History of the Civil War* (Athens: University of Georgia Press, 2015): 225-235.

“The Tropics: A Brief History of an Environmental Imaginary,” essay in Andrew Isenberg, editor, *Oxford Handbook of Environmental History* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2014): 178-204

“The World with Us: The State of American Environmental History,” and “Nature Is History,” *Journal of American History* 100, 1 (June 2013): 94-119, 145-148. Feature essay and final comment in a roundtable with scholarly commentaries.

“The Trouble with ‘America’s National Parks’; or, Going Back to the Wrong Historiography: A Response to Ian Tyrrell,” *Journal of American Studies* 46, 1 (February 2012): 23-29.

“What Gullies Mean: Georgia’s ‘Little Grand Canyon’ and Southern Environmental History,” *Journal of Southern History* 76, 3 (August 2010): 579-616.

- Winner of the **2012 Green-Ramsdell Award**, the **2011 Alice Hamilton Prize** and the **2011 Theodore C. Blegen Award**

“When Environmentalisms Collide: Ramachandra Guha’s *The Unquiet Woods* and U.S. Environmental History,” *Environmental History* 14, 3 (July 2009): 543-550

- Originally commissioned as “When Environmentalisms Collide: *The Unquiet Woods* and U.S. Environmental History,” in Ramachandra Guha, *The Unquiet Woods: Ecological Change and Peasant Resistance in the Himalaya*, Twentieth Anniversary Edition. Delhi, India: Permanent Black, 2009: 233-244.

“No More the Backward Region: Southern Environmental History Comes of Age,” in Paul Sutter and Christopher Manganiello, eds., *Environmental History and the American South: A Reader*. Athens: University of Georgia Press, 2009: 1-24.

“Tropical Conquest and the Rise of the Environmental Management State: The Case of U.S. Sanitary Efforts in Panama,” in Alfred McCoy and Francisco Scarano, eds., *Colonial Crucible: Empire in the Making of the Modern American State* (Madison: University of Wisconsin Press, 2009): 317-326.

“Nature’s Agents or Agents of Empire? Entomological Workers and Environmental Change during the Construction of the Panama Canal,” *Isis* 98 (December 2007): 724-754.

- Winner of the **2008 Envirotech Article Prize** and the **2009 Alice Hamilton Prize**
- Reprinted in Sally Gregory Kohlstedt and David Kaiser, eds., *Science and the American Century* (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2013): 81-111.

“Wilderness and the American Machine,” in George Weurthner, ed., *Thrillcraft: The Environmental Consequences of Motorized Recreation*. Washington, D.C.: Island Press, 2007: 53-57.

“Putting Wilderness in Context: The Interwar Years,” in Michael Lewis, ed., *American Wilderness: A New History*. New York: Oxford University Press, 2007: 167-85.

“On ‘Georgia’s Little Grand Canyon,’” Gallery Essay, *Environmental History*, 11, 4 (October 2006): 830-834

“Control de Zancudos en Panamá: Entomólogos y Cambio Ambiental durante la Construcción del Canal,” *Historia Critica* (July-December 2005): 67-90. (translated by Claudia Leal)

“Origins of the National Wilderness Preservation System,” in H. Ken Cordell, John C. Bergstrom, and J. Michael Bowker, eds., *The Multiple Values of Wilderness*. College Station, Penn.: Venture Publishing, 2005: 7-21.

“New Deal Conservation: A View from the Wilderness,” in David Woolner and Henry Henderson, eds., *FDR and the Environment*. New York: Palgrave, 2005: 87-106.

“Driven Wild: The Origins of Wilderness Advocacy during the Interwar Years,” in Schullery, P., and S. Stevenson, eds. *People and Place: The Human Experience in Greater Yellowstone*. Yellowstone National Park, Wyo.: Yellowstone Center for Resources, 2005: 217-27.

“Representing the Resource,” *Environmental History* 10, 1 (January 2005): 94-96.

“The Environment,” in Stephen J. Whitfield, editor, *A Companion to Twentieth-Century America*. Malden, Mass: Blackwell, 2004: 179-97.

“What Can U.S. Environmental Historians Learn from Non-U.S. Environmental Historiography?” *Environmental History* 8, 1 (January 2003): 109-129.

- Reprinted in [40th Anniversary Virtual Edition of *Environmental History*](#) – collected most influential articles from the journals history as chosen by past editors, 2017.
- Reprinted in revised form as “Seeing Beyond Our Borders: U.S. and Non-U.S. Historiographies,” in Douglas Sackman, editor, *A Companion to American Environmental History* (Malden, Mass: Blackwell Publishing, 2010): 635-652.

“‘A Retreat from Profit’: Colonization, the Appalachian Trail, and the Social Roots of Benton MacKaye’s Wilderness Advocacy,” *Environmental History*, 4, 4 (October 1999): 553-77

“‘A Blank Spot on the Map’: Aldo Leopold, Wilderness, and U.S. Forest Service Recreational Policy, 1909-1924,” *Western Historical Quarterly*, 29, 2 (Summer 1998): 187-214.

“Paved with Good Intentions: Good Roads, the Automobile, and the Rhetoric of Rural Improvement in *Kansas Farmer*, 1890-1914,” *Kansas History*, 18, 4 (Winter 1995-1996): 284-99.

- Reprinted in *Kansas and the West: New Perspectives*, edited by Rita Napier (University Press of Kansas, 2003): 249-70.

RECENT AWARDS

2019 GHRAC Award for Excellence in Advocacy for *Coastal Nature, Coastal Culture* – given annually by the Georgia Historical Records Advisory Council.

2016 GHRAC Award for Excellence in Research Using the Holdings of Archives for *Let Us Now Praise Famous Gullies* – given annually by the Georgia Historical Records Advisory Council.

2016 Boulder Faculty Assembly Award for Excellence in Leadership and Service, given annually

2015 Provost’s Faculty Achievement Award, given annually by the Provost of the University of Colorado to recognize recent significant contributions by faculty to their academic fields.

2014-2015 Outstanding Faculty Graduate Advising Award, given annually by the Graduate School at the University of Colorado, Boulder for outstanding graduate student advising.

2012 Fletcher M. Green and Charles W. Ramsdell Award, given in even-numbered years for best article to appear in the *Journal of Southern History* during the two preceding years (2010-2011).

2011 Theodore C Blegen Award, given by the Forest History Society for the best article in the field of Forest and Conservation History in 2010.

2011 Alice Hamilton Prize, given by the American Society for Environmental History for the best environmental history article published outside of *Environmental History* in 2010.

2009 Alice Hamilton Prize, given by the American Society for Environmental History for the best environmental history article published outside of *Environmental History* in 2008.

2008 Envirotech Article Prize – Awarded to “the best article examining the relationships between technology and the environment published during the last three years (2006-08).” Envirotech is a Special Interest Group in the Society for the History of Technology.

FELLOWSHIPS

Rachel Carson Center Fellowship, 2015-2016 – six-month residential fellowship at the Rachel Carson Center for Environment and Society in Munich, Germany (July-December 2016)

National Library of Medicine (NIH) Grant for Scholarly Works in Biomedicine and Health – (Grant # 1G13LM010906-01) – Three-year, \$146,886 grant to support project titled “Pulling the Teeth of the Tropics: An Environmental and Public Health History of the Panama Canal” – 2011-2014.

Kayden Research Grant - \$2,860 to support publication of book, 2014.

LEAP Associate Professor Growth Grant, University of Colorado Office of Faculty Affairs, \$4,300 for one-course reduction, Fall 2011.

National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Fellowship, Summer 2007.

Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Fellow, Huntington Library, San Marino, CA, Summer 2006.

Center for Humanities and Arts Research Fellowship – University of Georgia, 2005-2006.

Postdoctoral Fellow – National Museum of American History and Office of the Smithsonian Institution Archives, Washington, D.C., 2001-2002 academic year.

Postdoctoral Fellow – History of Technology and the Environment, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Virginia, 1997-2000.

SELECT EDITORIAL, ADVISORY, AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICE POSITIONS

Series Editor, “Weyerhaeuser Environmental Books,” book series published by the University of Washington Press, 2014-present

Member, Beveridge Prize Committee, American Historical Association, 2014-2017 (Chair in 2016-2017)

Chair, Program Committee, American Historical Association 2013 Annual Meeting

Member, Executive Committee, American Society for Environmental History, 2013-2017

Founding Series Editor and Advisory Board Member, “Environmental History and the American South,” books series published by the University of Georgia Press, 2005-2013

Member of the Editorial Board of *Isis* (History of Science Society), 2010-2012

Member of the Editorial Board of *Environmental History* (American Society for Environmental History), 2011-2015

Member, Editorial Board, *Agricultural History*, 2013-present

Member of the Panel of Historians and Social Scientists, National Museum of Forest Service History, Missoula, Montana, 2011-

Member of the Editorial Board, University of Georgia Press, 2008-2009

Member of the Scientific Advisory Committee for the Wormsloe Institute for Environmental History, Savannah, Georgia, 2007-present