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Education:

Ph.D., University of Wisconsin-Madison, December 2010 (History)

M.A., University of Wisconsin-Madison, December 2003 (History)

B.A., Honors, Amherst College, May 1995

Employment:

Associate Professor, Department of History and Program in Environmental Policy and Culture, Northwestern University (2019-present)

Assistant Professor, Department of History and Program in Environmental Policy and Culture, Northwestern University (2013-2019)

Adjunct Instructor, University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh (2011)

Adjunct Instructor, University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point (2010)

Fellowships:

Alice Kaplan Institute for the Humanities Faculty Fellow, Northwestern University (2020-2021)

Dana and David Dornsife Fellow, Huntington Library (2016-2017)

Institute on California and the West Postdoctoral Teaching Fellow, University of Southern California (2011-2013)

Charlotte W. Newcombe Dissertation Fellowship, Woodrow Wilson Foundation (2008-2009)

Awards and Honors:

Annual Book Prize, Society for U.S. Intellectual History (2018)

Karl Rosengren Faculty Mentoring Award, Northwestern Office of Undergraduate Research (2015 and 2018)

Northwestern Associated Student Government Faculty Honor Roll (2014-2015)

Allan Nevins Prize, Society of American Historians, New York, NY (2011)

Awarded to the best-written doctoral dissertation on a significant subject in American history.

Curti Lecturer, History Department, University of Wisconsin-Madison (2011)

Books:

Published:

The Ecocentrists: A History of Radical Environmentalism (New York: Columbia University Press, 2018)
Awarded the Society for U.S. Intellectual History's Annual Book Prize

In Preparation:

Managing an Arid Land: Planning for an Environmental Future in the California Desert, a book project about the history of environmental planning and assessment and risk management. By examining the evolving concerns of environmental impact statements in the California Desert Conservation Area—from recreation to air pollution, wildlife conservation, and energy infrastructure—this book will explore the extension of the regulatory process beyond federal agencies to private citizens and public interest groups, creating a space for alternative priorities and narratives. By considering environmental risks and harms that unfolded over decades and even centuries, environmental assessment reckoned with the relationship between the late-twentieth century procedural state and the “slow violence” that often accompanied everyday processes and activities.

Articles and Chapters:

“In Defense of People: Environmentalism and the Religious Right in Late Twentieth-Century American Politics,” in Darren Dochuk (ed.) *Religion and Politics Beyond the Culture Wars* (Notre Dame, IN: University of Notre Dame Press, 2021)

“Regulating Off-Road: The California Desert and Collaborative Environmentalism,” *Modern American History* 2 (2019)

“In Defense of Mother Earth: Radical Environmentalism and Ecoterrorism in the United States, 1980-2000s,” in Claudia Verhoeven and Carola Dietze (eds.), *Oxford Handbook on the History of Terrorism* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2022; online version 2014)

“The Politics of Ecology: Environmentalism and Liberalism in the 1960s,” *Journal for the Study of Radicalism* 2 (2008)

Book Reviews and Review Essays:

Review Essays:

“A Case for Extreme Climate Action,” in *Current History* 120 (November 2021)

“A Market Ecology,” in *Reviews in American History* 44 (March 2016)

“After Earth Day: The Modern Environmental Movement,” in *Reviews in American History* 42 (September 2014)

“Green Picket Fences: Environmentalism in the Suburbs,” in *Reviews in American History* 41 (June 2013)

Reviews:

Review of Daegan Miller, *This Radical Land: A Natural History of American Dissent* in *Agricultural History* (Spring 2020)

Review of Kevin Armitage, *This Green and Growing Land: Environmental Activism in American History* in *Pacific Historical Review* 88 (Spring 2019)

Review of Anthony Chaney, *Runaway: Gregory Bateson, the Double Bind, and the Rise of Ecological Consciousness in The Sixties* 11 (2018)

Review of Melinda Harm Benson and Robin Kundis Craig, *The End of Sustainability: Resilience and the Future of Environmental Governance in the Anthropocene* in *The Historian* 80 (December 2018)

Review of Leslie Kemp Poole, *Saving Florida: Women's Fight for the Environment in the Twentieth Century* in *Journal of Southern History* 82 (November 2016)

Review of John Brooke, *Climate Change and the Course of Global History: A Rough Journey* in *Journal Of Economic History* 76 (March 2016)

Review of Finis Dunaway, *Seeing Green: The Use and Abuse of American Environmental Images* in *H-Environment Roundtable Reviews* 6 (2016)

Review of Paul Sabin, *The Bet: Paul Ehrlich, Julian Simon, and our Gamble Over Earth's Future* in *H-Environment Roundtable Reviews* 4 (2014)

Review of Edwin Martini, *Agent Orange: History, Science, and the Politics of Uncertainty* in *H-Diplo Roundtable Reviews* 15 (2014)

Papers, Panels, Presentations:

Invited:

“Is ‘Eco-Terrorism’ Real?” Royal United Services Institute, online panel presentation and conversation, May 2022

Illinois Program for Research in the Humanities, Environmental Humanities Writing Workshop, University of Illinois, Urbana, IL, November 2018

“The Western Environment: In Conversation with Keith Makoto Woodhouse,” Institute on California and the West, Huntington Library, San Marino, CA, November 2018

“The Southwest Power Complex: Environmental Impact and the Administrative State,” Environmental Law Colloquium, Northwestern Pritzker School of Law, April 2018

Respondent, Labor History Seminar, Newberry Library, Chicago, IL, December 2017

“Big Business, Big Government, and the Big Outdoors: Radical and Mainstream Environmentalism in the 1980s,” Bowdoin College, November 2016

“In Defense of People, In Defense of the Earth: Environmentalism and the Religious Right in Late-Twentieth Century American Politics,” Beyond the Culture Wars: Recasting Religion and Politics in the Twentieth Century, Washington University, St. Louis, March 2014

As Organizer/Co-Organizer:

“Sources of Conflict: Environmental Impact Statements as Methodology and History,” American Society for Environmental History annual conference, Riverside, CA, March 2018

“Tracing the Roots of American Environmentalisms,” (roundtable) American Society for Environmental History annual conference, Washington, D.C., March 2015

“What We Talk About When We Talk About Energy: A Panel on History, Culture, and Energy in the United States,” Huntington Library, San Marino, CA, March 2013

As Participant:

“The California Desert Conservation Area and the Administrative State” Social Science History Association Conference, Chicago, IL, November 2019

“Regulating from Somewhere: Environmental Assessment and the Procedural State,” Policy History Conference, Tempe, AZ, May 2018

“Is It Worth It?: Environmental Impact Statements and the Limits of the Administrative State,” Society for U.S. Intellectual History annual conference, Dallas, TX, October 2017

“Weighing the Cost: Environmental Impact Statements and Risk Management in the 1970s,” American Society for Environmental History annual conference, Chicago, IL, March 2017

“Energy and Impact Under the Sun: Risk, Politics, and Environmental Assessment in the American Southwest,” Osaka University International Seminar, Osaka, Japan, February 2017

“‘Let Our Practice Form Our Doctrine’: Ideas into Action in Radical Environmentalism,” Society for U.S. Intellectual History annual conference, Washington, D.C., October 2015

“Red States, Blue States, Green States: Environmentalism and Ideology in the 1970s,” American Society for Environmental History annual conference, San Francisco, CA, March 2014

“Political Philosophy in A Green Age,” History Of Economics as History Of Science Workshop, Ecole Normale Supérieure de Cachan, Cachan, France, June 2013

“Defending the Environment: The Choice Of Evils Argument in Court,” American Society for Environmental History annual conference, Toronto, ON, March 2013

“The Best of Times, The Worst of Times: Crisis and Confidence in 1970s Environmentalism,” American Society for Environmental History annual conference, Boise, ID, March 2008

“Back to the Land: Anarchism, Communalism, and Environmentalism in the 1960s and 1970s,” Michael Malone Memorial Conference, Bozeman, MT, January 2007

Teaching Experience:

Graduate:

Readings in Twentieth-Century U.S. History (Northwestern University)
Environmental History (Northwestern University)

Undergraduate:

American Environmental History (Northwestern University)
Energy in American History (Northwestern University)
The United States, Reconstruction to the Present (Northwestern University)
Wilderness in American History (Northwestern University)
The United States, 1968-Present (Northwestern University)
A Social History of the Internet (Northwestern University)
The Culture Wars (Northwestern University)
The Nineteenth-Century United States (University of Southern California)
The Rise of the Sunbelt (University of Southern California)
Radical Environmentalism (University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh)
American History to 1877 (University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point)
United States History from 1877 to the Present (University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point)
Twentieth-Century U.S. Environmental Politics (University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point)

Senior Theses Advised:

Gabrielle Plotkin (2020-2021)
Gabrielle Grossman (2019-2020)
Alex Moisa (2018-2019)
Aliana Ruxin (co-adviser) (2018-2019)
Sam Spector (co-adviser) (2015-2016)
Ashton Dubey (2015-2016)
Noah Star (co-adviser) (2015-2016)

Dissertation Committees:

Completed Dissertations:

Sean Harvey (2020)
Luthfi Adam (2020)
Daniel Rinn (University of Rochester) (2020)
Kevin Baker (2019)
Matthew Kahn (2016)

Dissertations in Progress:

Megan Bonham
Sarah-Louise Dawtry
Jillian Foley (University of Chicago)

Service:

External:

H-Environment Roundtable Reviews Co-Editor (2018-present)
Member, American Society for Environmental History Ad Hoc Committee on Political Statements (2019)
Organizing committee member, Society for U.S. Intellectual History conference, Chicago, IL (2018)
Chair, American Society for Environmental History Ad Hoc Committee on Political Engagement (2017-2018)
Local affairs committee member, American Society for Environmental History conference, Chicago, IL (2017)

Refereeing:

Proposal Referee, University Press of Kansas (2023)
Manuscript Referee, Columbia University Press (2022)
Proposal Referee, Columbia University Press (2021)
Proposal Referee, National Science Center, Poland (2020)
Article Referee, *Journal of Political Ideologies* (2020)
Article Referee, *Environmental Politics* (2020)
Article Referee, *Modern Intellectual History* (2020)
Article Referee, *The Historical Journal* (2019)
Manuscript Referee, UNC Press (2019)
Article Referee, *Modern American History* (2018)
Article Referee, *The Public Historian* (2017)
Article Referee, *BJHS Themes* (2016)
Manuscript Referee, Utah State University Press (2015)
Article Referee, *Environmental History* (2014)
Article Referee, *Law & Social Inquiry* (2014)

Northwestern:

Director, Environmental Policy and Culture Program (2019-2020, 2022-2024)
Associate Chair, Public Affairs Residential College (2022-present)
Environmental Sciences Program Steering Committee Member (2021-present)
Chicago Field Studies Program Committee Member, (2020-present)
Faculty Adviser, Wild Roots (2019-present)
Facilitator, Environmental Policy and Culture Book Club, (2015-present)
Co-Organizer, Kaplan Institute Environmental Humanities Faculty Workshop (2015-2016, 2017-2020, 2021-present)
Ad hoc member, Political Science/EPC search committee (2022-2023)
Faculty Chair, Public Affairs Residential College (2019-2022)
One Book One Northwestern Steering Committee Member (2021-2022)
Faculty Adviser, Real Food at Northwestern University (2014-2016, 2017-2020)
Undergraduate Research Grant Committee Member (2015-2016, 2017-2020)
Summer Undergraduate Research Grant Adviser (2019)

Environmental Policy and Culture Program Advisory Committee Member (2014-2019)
Kaplan Environmental Humanities Postdoctoral Fellow Search Committee Member (2018-2019)
SustainNU Resource Conservation Working Group Member (2017-2018)
Summer Undergraduate Research Grant Adviser for two projects (2018)
 (One project awarded the Fletcher Prize for outstanding summer URG)
Udall Scholarship Committee Mentor and Member (2013-2017)
Weinberg College Summer Research Grant Adviser (2017)
Circumnavigators Travel Grant Co-Adviser (2017)
Academic Year Undergraduate Research Grant Mentor for two projects (2016)
Graduate Writing Workshop Supervisor (2014-2016)
Posner Fellowship Mentor (2015)
Summer Undergraduate Research Grant Adviser for two projects (2015)
 (One project awarded the Fletcher Prize for outstanding summer URG)
Adviser, Capstone Thesis for Master of Arts in Liberal Studies, Northwestern University School of Professional Studies (2013-2014)
 (Thesis awarded the Distinguished Thesis Award for Liberal Studies)
Kaplan Environmental Humanities Postdoctoral Fellow Search Committee Member (2013-2014)