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EDUCATION

Ph.D. History, University of California, Berkeley, 1992
M.A. History, University of California, Berkeley, 1987
B.A. History, University of California, Berkeley, 1984

Participant, U.S. Army War College course on American Military History; received certification to teach course, January 2006.

Examination Fields
United States since 1607
Comparative North American Frontiers: 1500-1900
Ethnic Studies / Native American and Asian American Studies

Dissertation
Crossroads City: Culture and Community in Gold Rush Sacramento
Committee: Gunther Barth, Chair; James Kettner, Terry Wilson

Professional Awards

University of Portland, "Professor of the Year," awarded by the Associated Students of UP, Spring, 2001.

University of Nebraska at Kearney, "Profiles in Excellence" Award, Spring 1998.

University of Nebraska at Kearney, Outstanding Teaching and Instructional Creativity Award, Fall 1997.

University of California at Berkeley, Outstanding Graduate Teaching Award, 1991.

University of California at Berkeley, Outstanding Essay Prize, Dept. of English, 1982.

Recent Award Nominations

Spur Award, awarded by the Western Writers Association, for *Gold Rush Capitalists*, nominated by the University of New Mexico Press, 2004.

Francis Parkman Prize, awarded by the American Historical Association, for *Gold Rush Capitalists*, nominated by the University of New Mexico Press, 2003.

North American Urban Book Prize, awarded by the Urban History Association, for *Gold Rush Capitalists*, nominated by the University of New Mexico Press, 2003.

University of Portland, "Faculty Award for Excellence in Scholarship" nomination by Dr. Gary Malecha, Spring 2003

University of Portland, "Faculty Award for Excellence in Teaching" nomination by Dean Maria Ciriello, Spring 2003

Grants

Oregon Council for the Humanities, Chautauqua series, "The Geopolitics of the Lewis and Clark Expedition, 2005-2008 academic years.

Butine Faculty Development Grant, Geopolitics of the Lewis and Clark Expedition (originally History of Technology and the Environment), University of Portland, Summer 2004.

Oregon Technology in Education Network, US Dept of Education Preparing Tomorrow's teachers to Use Technology (PT3) Grant, 2002-03 academic year.

Eisenhower Higher Education Professional Development Program Grant, "Mentoring Teachers in High Poverty Schools,"2001-02 and 2002-03 academic years.

AT&T Learning Network Teaching and Technology Grant, for Building Multi-Media Construction and Visual Literacy Skills project, Spring 2001.

Center for Great Plains Studies, Faculty Summer Fellowship, to conduct research on *Terra Incognita: The Great Plains*, Summer 1998.

Research Services Council Grant, University of Nebraska at Kearney, to conduct research at the Bancroft and Huntington Libraries, 1996 and 1997.

Research Services Council Grant, University of Nebraska at Kearney, to develop Primary Source reader on local history, Spring, 1995.

Mellon Foundation Dissertation Fellowship, 1991-92 academic year.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE: History

University of Portland, Oregon,
Associate Professor, Fall 2000 to present; tenured 2003.

Teaching responsibilities to include:

Lower Division:

The Early United States, 1607-1877
The Modern United States, 1877-present

Upper Division:

The United States and the Pacific Rim
The American West
Cold War America, 1945-1990
Colonial North America
The American Revolution
American Military History
US Diplomatic History
The Twentieth Century American West
The Pacific Northwest
Plains Indians History
Civil War Era
Technology and the Environment in American History
The United States and Mexico
Senior Thesis Seminar

Pacific University,
Visiting Associate Professor

"Early American History," Fall 1999
"Plains Indians History," Fall 1999
"Images of the West," January 2000
"Modern American History," Spring 2000
"History of the American West," Spring 2000
"The Unites States and the Pacific Rim," Fall 2000

Reed College,
Visiting Associate Professor
"Technology and the Environment in American History," Spring 1999

University of Portland, Oregon,
Adjunct Professor
"American Colonial History," Fall 1998
"Early United States," Spring 1999
"Modern United States," Spring 1999

University of Washington at Vancouver,
Adjunct Professor
"The City in History," Fall 1998
"Imperialism in the Modern World, 1800-present," Summer 1999

University of Nebraska, Kearney,
Assistant Professor, Fall, 1992 to 1997; Associate Professor 1997 to 1998; Tenured, 1998. Approved as an instructor for the Cultural Diversity and Writing Intensive program requirements, 1995.
(University of Nebraska at Kearney, continued)
Teaching responsibilities to included:
Lower Division:
The United States, 1607-1865
The United States, 1865-present
Advanced & Graduate Division:
North American Frontiers
Twentieth Century American West
Plains Indians History
Nebraska and the Great Plains
Pacific Rim History
The Prairie Institute at Red Cloud, Nebraska.

University of California, Berkeley, Visiting Professor, Summer 1993 and 1994.
"California History" (both years; approved American Studies program Instructor)
"Environmental History of American West," seminar (1993)
"San Francisco and the Urban West," seminar (1994)

California State University, Hayward, Visiting Instructor, "The Westward Movement," 1991.

San Francisco State University, Visiting Instructor, "California History," Spring 1991.

University of California, Berkeley, Graduate Student Instructor, 1986-1991.
America and Its Discontents, 1877-1920 (reading seminar)
Ethnohistory of North American Frontiers (senior thesis course)
The Frontier and the American Mind (reading seminar)
The Twentieth Century American West (reading seminar)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE: Writing

University of California, Berkeley, Student Learning Center, ELL 90: "Writing and Study Skills," Instructor, Fall 1989.

University of California , Berkeley , School of Education Gifted Program, Writing Instructor, Summer 1987.

Johns Hopkins University and National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Institute on Teaching Writing and Etymology, Writing Instructor, July, 1985.

Acalanes School District, Lafayette, CA, "One-to-One Peer Tutoring Program," Program Director, Sponsored by a grant from the Lafayette Arts and Sciences Foundation, 1984-1985.

University of California, Berkeley, Student Learning Center, Writing Tutor and Senior Writing Tutor, 1982-1985.

PUBLICATIONS

Books:

Imperial Passages: The Geopolitics of the Lewis and Clark Expedition current research project.

Gold Rush Capitalists: Greed and Growth in Sacramento, Albuquerque: University of New Mexico Press, 2003.

Articles, Contributions to other works, etc.:

"Frontiers, Empires, and the New World: The Significance of the Frontier in American Foreign Policy," Forum on Public Policy Online, December 2006: http://www.forumonpublicpolicy.com/papers.htm.

"The Russian Columbus: Nikolai Rezanov and the Lewis and Clark Expedition," in *Portland Magazine*, 2004.

" 'The Bones Were Great:' The Prairie and the Prairie Institute,"(co-authors Jim Fitzgibbon and Charles Peek) in *Teaching Cather*, Vol. 4, No. 1, Fall, 2003.

"The March," in *Portland Magazine*, Summer, 2001.

"Taming the Wilderness Within: Order and Opportunity in Gold Rush Sacramento," in *California History*, Winter 2000/2001.

"Imagining Oregon," in *Portland Magazine*, Fall, 1999.

"Searching for a Story to Inhabit: William Kittredge, Larry Watson, and the Dilemma of the Modern American West," in *Heritage of the Great Plains*, Fall 1999.

"So, What Can You Do With History: Alternatives to the Traditional Research Paper Assignment" in *Platte Valley Review*, Vol. 24, No. 2, Spring, 1996.

"Powder Keg on the Upper Missouri: Sources of Blackfoot Hostility, 1730-1810" published in *American Indian Quarterly*, Spring 1987.
[published under name "Mark Judy;" last name changed to "Eifler," July, 1989.]

Encyclopedia Articles:

"Calumet Ceremony" and "Trade" entries for *Encyclopedia of the Plains Indian*, David J. Wishart, General Editor, University of Nebraska Press, 2007.

"Plains Indians Trade Systems:" entry for *Encyclopedia of the Great Plains*, David J. Wishart, General Editor, University of Nebraska Press, 2004.

"Forces of Creation: The Tragedy of the Pawnee," in the *Prairie Atlas* (University of Nebraska at Kearney), Fall, 2000.

"Nebraska," "Edward Rosewater," "George Miller": entries for *The Encyclopedia of the American West*, New York: Macmillan Publishing Company, 1996.

Book Reviews:

Review of *Sacramento and the Catholic Church: Shaping a Capital City*, by Steven M. Avella, in *Pacific Historical Review*, Vol. 79, Issue 1, February 2010.

Review of *The Speculative Economy*, by Lawrence E. Mitchell. 2008

Review of *Spreading the Word: A History of Information in the California Gold Rush*, by Richard T. Stillson, in *The Historian*, Vol. 70, Issue 3, Fall, 2008.

Review of *John Sutter: A Life on the North American Frontier*, by Albert L. Hurtado, to be published in *Western Historical Quarterly*, Spring 2007.

Review of *Ten Days that Unexpectedly Changed America: Gold Rush* (film, 2006), in *Journal of American History*, Vol. 93, Issue 3, December 2006.

Review of *Virginia's Western Visions: Political and Cultural Expansion on an Early American Frontier*, by L. Scott Philyaw, in *The Historian*, Vol. 68, Issue 4, Winter, 2006.

Review of *Boosters, Hustlers, and Speculators: Entrepreneurial Culture and the Rise of Minneapolis and St. Paul*, by Jocelyn Wills, in *Pacific Historical Review*, Fall, 2005.

Review of *Across Time and Tundra*, by Ishmael Alunik, Eddie D. Kolausok, and David Morrison, in *Pacific Historical Review*, Vol. 73, No. 3, 2005.

Review of *Taming the Elephant: Politics, Government, and Law in Pioneer California*. Ed. By John F. Burns and Richard J. Orsi, in *Journal of American History*, Vol. 91, No. 1, June, 2004.

Review of *Riches for All: The California Gold Rush and the World*, ed. by Kenneth N. Owens, in *Western Historical Quarterly*, Vol. 34, no. 4, Winter 2003.

Review of *Nebraska Indian Wars Reader*, ed. by R. Eli Paul, in *Military History of the West*, Vol. 29, No. 2, Fall 1999.

Review of *A Life Wild and Perilous: Mountain Men and the Paths to the Pacific*, by Robert Utley, in *Western Historical Quarterly*, Vol. 29, Number 4, Winter 1998.

Review of *Violent Land*, by David T. Courtwright, in *The Historian*, Vol. 61, Number 1, Fall 1998.

Review of *Loaded Fictions: Social Critique in the Twentieth-Century Western*, by Scott D. Emmert, in *North Dakota History*, Vol. 65, No. 1, Winter 1998.

Review of *American Indians in World War I*, by Thomas Britten, in *Military History of the West*, Vol. 28, No. 1, Spring 1998.

Review of *Rethinking American Indian History*, in *The Historian*, Vol. 60, No. 1, Fall, 1999.

Review of *A Good Year to Die: The Story of the Great Sioux War*, by Charles M. Robinson III, in *Military History of the West*, Vol. 27, No. 1, Spring 1997.

Review of *Rural Democracy: Family Farmers and Politics in Western Washington, 1890-1925*, by Marilyn P. Watkins, in *History Reviews On-Line*, published on-line in 1996.

Review of *The Great Guano Rush: Entrepreneurs and American Overseas Expansion*, by Jimmy K. Skaggs, in *The Historian*, Vol. 59, Number 1, Fall, 1996.

Review of *An Unspeakable Sadness: The Dispossession of the Nebraska Indians*, by David J. Wishart, in *North Dakota History*, Vol. 63, Number 4, Fall, 1996.

Review of *Minorities in Phoenix: A Profile of Mexican American, Chinese American, and African American Communities, 1860-1992*, by Bradford Luckingham, in *Western Historical Quarterly*, Volume 26, Number 3, Autumn, 1995.

Review of *On Turner's Trail: 100 Years of Writing Western History*, by Wilbur Jacobs, in *Great Plains Research*, Volume 5, Number 1, February 1995.

Review of *Dangerous Passages: The Santa Fe Trail and the Mexican War*, by William Chalfant, in *The Historian*, Volume 57, Number 3, Spring 1995.

Review of *To Reclaim a Divided West*, by Donald Pisani, in *Great Plains Research*, Volume 3, Number 2, August 1993.

Miscellaneous Works:

"Visual Literacy: How to Read a Picture," CD-ROM Multi-Media Program, sponsored by the AT&T Learning Network Teaching and Technology Grant, for Building Multi-Media Construction and Visual Literacy Skills project, Spring 2001.

Content Expert, *Communities on the Prairies*, CD-ROM Multi-Media Program, Nebraska Educational Television (NETCHE), 1995-1998; CD released Fall, 1999.

"Home Star," short story (fiction) on contemporary Native American life, published in *AIM Magazine*, Spring 1985.

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS, CONFERENCES

Presentations on History

"Russian Exploration in the North Pacific," public lecture in a series (one of three), celebrating the Bicentennial of Astoria, Liberty Theater, January 2011.

"Lewis and Clark in the International Arena," Oregon Trail Association Meeting, January 2010.

"Lewis and Clark and the International Competition over Oregon," a series of twenty presentations given throughout the state of Oregon, sponsored by the Oregon Council for the Humanities, 2006-2009.

"Frontiers, Empires, and the New World: The Significance of the Frontier in American Foreign Policy", Oxford University Round Table, United Kingdom, August, 2006.

"The Science of Lewis and Clark," featured speaker, National Science Teachers Association Conference, Portland, Fall 2002.

"Lewis and Clark, and Nikolai Rezanov, and the Great Game in Pacific Exploration," presented to the Pacific Northwest History Conference, Seattle, Washington, April 2002.

"Lewis and Clark and the Geopolitics of the Pacific Northwest," presented to the Missouri Valley History Conference, Omaha, Nebraska, March 2002.

"The March on Washington," presentation made for Martin Luther King, Jr., celebration at University of Portland, Spring, 2001.

"Terra Incognita: An Informal History of Nebraska and the Central Plains," presentation made to the Kellogg Leadership Symposium, October, 1997.

"Sweet Betsy and the Honest Miner: Social Motivations of the California Gold Miners," presented to the Research Services Council's " Research and Creative Activity Symposium," University of Nebraska at Kearney, March 1997.

"Rights of Passage: An Environmental History of the Platte River Road" presented to University of Nebraska at Kearney Faculty Colloquium, February, 1997.

"Landscape of the Double Vision: Larry Watson's *Montana 1948* and the Dilemma of the Modern American West" presented to the Western Literature Association Conference, Lincoln, NE, October, 1996.

"The Honest Miner: The Cultural Ambiguity of the California Gold Rush" presented to the Missouri Valley History Conference, Omaha, NE, March, 1996.

"The Open Road: The Significance of the Lincoln Highway on the Great Plains," presented to the Buffalo County Historical Society Annual Meeting, April, 1995.

"Images of the Great Plains," presented to the Rainwater Basin Annual Conference, Grand Island, NE, March, 1995.

"Historical Perspectives and Uses of the Platte River Valley," seminar for "Wings Over the Platte" Conference, Grand Island, NE, March, 1994 & 1995.

"Who Shall Rule the Crossroads?: Power and Place in Early Gold Rush Sacramento" presented to the Power and Place in the North American West Symposium, Seattle, WA, November, 1994.

"Invisible Bonds: Rethinking the Fur Trade on the Northern Great Plains" presented to University of Nebraska at Kearney Faculty Colloquium, January, 1994.

"Invisible Bonds: The Reorganization of the Northern Plains Indian Trade System, 1800-1850," presented to the Western History Association Conference, Tulsa, OK, October, 1993.

"When Facts Become Legends, Can Legends Become Facts?: Western Cultural Heroes, 1890 and 1990," presented to the Northern Great Plains History Conference, Pierre, SD, September, 1993.

" 'Like Flying Insects around a Lighted Candle:' Gambling, Labor, and Capitalism in Gold Rush Sacramento," presented to the Missouri Valley History Conference, Omaha, NE, March, 1993.

"Admirable Confusion, Gambling Hells, and Men of Remarkable Principles: The Development of Community Standards in Gold Rush Sacramento" presented to University of Nebraska at Kearney Faculty Colloquium, February, 1993.

" 'To Take a Route to the West:' Columbus as the New World's Original Pathfinder," presented to the Columbus Quincentenary Conference, University of Nebraska at Kearney, October, 1992.

"Taming the Wilderness Within: Order and Opportunity in Gold Rush Sacramento," presented to the California History Institute Gold Rush Conference, University of the Pacific, Stockton, CA, April, 1991.

"The Wolves of the Little Big Horn: The Army's Indian Scouts," presented to the Northern California Phi Alpha Theta Conference, UC Berkeley, March 1985.

"Powder Keg on the Upper Missouri: Sources of Blackfoot Hostility, 1730-1810," presented to the Annual International Phi Alpha Theta Conference, San Francisco, December, 1983.

Presentations on Pedagogy

"Building Multi-Media Construction and Visual Literacy Skills in Undergraduate Pre-Service Teachers and History Students," presented with Karen Eifler, School of Education, University of Portland, presentation to the Oregon Technology Network Demonstration Fair, Spring, 2001.

"The Prairie Institute: An Overview and Demonstration," presentation to the Nebraska Association of Teachers of Science Conference, October, 1997.

""Cultural Diversity vs. Multiculturalism: What Does a Nebraska Student Need to Know?," presented to the Nebraska Faculty College, May, 1997.

"Encouraging and Evaluating Student Writing" presentation made to the UNK Graduate Assistant Orientation meeting, August, 1996 and 1997.

"The Historian's Apprentice: Strategies for Undergraduate History Research Assignments" presented to the National Conference on Undergraduate Research, Asheville, NC, April, 1996.

"“Undergraduate Research in History at UNK” presentation made to the Chancellor’s Executive Advisory Committee meeting, February, 1996.

“Undergraduate Research in History at UNK” presentation made to the University of Nebraska Regents meeting, November, 1995.

“Three Frontiers: Northern New Spain, the Ohio Valley, and Gold Rush California,” lecture series, presented to the Social Studies Summer Institute, Matthew Downey, Director, University of California at Berkeley, School of Education, July, 1993 & 1994.

“Meeting Yesterday's Children," co-author, Matthew Downey, presented to the "International Seminar on the Teaching of Social Studies," sponsored by the Organization of American States, Washington, D.C., July 1986.

"Promoting a Profession: Preparing Writing Center Personnel," presentation to the Pacific Coast Writing Center Association Conference, University of Southern California, February, 1985.

Consulting and Curriculum Development

Delegate, People to People Ambassador Program to Beijing, China, Teaching History and Social Studies in the United States and China, November, 2006.

Member of University of Portland team to the Carnegie and the American Association of Higher Education (AAHE) Institute on Scholarship of Teaching and Learning, Snow, Vermont, July 2002.

Historical Consultant for the Nebraska National Trails Museum, Spring 1998.

Project Manager and Editor, *The Nebraska History Sourcebook*, 8 Volumes projected, sponsored by a grant from the University of Nebraska Research Services Council, 1995-96.

University of California at Berkeley, Sourcebook Research Assistant, “America and Its Discontents, 1877-1920,” Lawrence Levine, Director. 1989-1990.

Walter S. Johnson Foundation & University of California at Berkeley, Research Assistant, “Children and Youth in American History Project” and the “Beyond the Textbook Project.” Matthew Downey, Director. 1985-1988.

Major Department Service

History Department Chair, University of Portland, Summer 2006 to 2009. (History Department created Summer 2006.)

Member, Library Director Search Committee, University of Portland, 2005-2006 academic year.

Member, Teachings and Scholarship Committee, 2003-2006.

History Program Chair, University of Portland, Fall 2004-Spring 2006.

Member of Core Evaluation Team, University of Portland, Fall 2000 to Spring 2002. Member of Core Resource Team, Spring 2002.

Member of General Studies Committee, University of Nebraska at Kearney, 1996-1998. Chair of Cultural Diversity subcommittee, 1996-1998; Chair of Writing Intensive subcommittee, 1997-1998. Member of Educational Policy Committee, 1994-1998; Chair of Committee, 1996-1998.

Related Service Activities:

Outside reviewer for *American Military History: A Documentary Reader*, by Brad Lookingbill, 2008-2020.

Faculty sponsor of UP History Student Journal, *Northwest Passages*, 2000 to present. (Journal won second place in Gerald D. Nash Phi Alpha Theta Student Journal contest, Fall 2005; third place in Fall 2006.)

"The French in the California Gold Rush," commentator, Western Historical Association Conference, St. Louis, Missouri, October, 2006.

Outside reviewer for Richard Etulain's *Beyond the Missouri: The Story of the American West*, University of New Mexico Press, 2006.

Outside reviewer for article on Plains Indians for *Great Plains Quarterly*, January, 2004.

Participant in US, Iraq and War on Terrorism Teach-In, University of Portland, January 2003.

Participant in the World Affairs Conference Panel: "A Celebration of Diversity," University of Nebraska at Kearney, March 1997.

Outside reviewer for Doris Monahan's manuscript *Julesburg & Fort Sedgewick*, University of Nebraska Press, 1997.

Outside reviewer for James P. Ronda's *Revealing America*, D.C. Heath, 1995.

Judging Committee, *Nebraska History*, James L. Sellers Award, 1995.

Commentator, “Grasslands” panel, Center for Great Plains Studies Conference, Lincoln, NE, April, 1994.

Chair, “Nebraska History” panel, Missouri Valley History Conference, Omaha, NE, March, 1994.

Editor, *The Normative Times*, UC Berkeley history graduate student newsletter, 1986-88.

Editor, *Berkeley History Review*, UC Berkeley undergraduate journal, 1983-84.

President, UC Berkeley History Undergraduate Association, 1983-1984.