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Curriculum Vitae**

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**Education**

Ph.D., U.S. [History](#), [Indiana University](#), 1997  
major field: U.S. history since 1877; minor fields: oral history, American Studies  
M.A., U.S. History, Indiana University, 1992  
B.A., [History](#), [Calvin College](#), 1990

**Areas of Study**

20th-century U.S., American Indian, public

**Academic Employment**

Assistant Professor of American History, [Department of History](#), [Messiah College](#), 1997-present  
Associate Instructor, Department of History, Indiana University, 1995-1997  
Course Assistant, Department of History, Indiana University, 1994-1995

**Courses**

HIS 104: [U.S. History, 1865-present](#)  
HIS 152: The Wild West  
HIS 154: Vietnam War America  
HIS 261: Public History  
HIS 327: African-American History since 1865  
HIS 333: Native American History  
HIS 347: U.S. Urban History  
HIS 336: From Omaha to Hiroshima: U.S. History, 1890-1945  
HIS 338: Modern America: U.S. History, 1945-present  
HIS 420: Historiography and the Philosophy of History

**Book**

[Indian Metropolis: Native Americans in Chicago, 1945-75. Urbana, Ill.: University of Illinois Press, 2002.](#)

**Published Articles and Book Chapters**

"Indian Work and Indian Neighborhoods: Adjusting to Life in a Midwestern Metropolis during the 1950s," in Edmunds, R. David, ed. A People In-Between: Native Americans in the Midwest. Urbana, Ill.: University of Illinois Press, 2003 [forthcoming].  
"Whose Voices Count? Oral Sources and Twentieth-Century American Indian History," [American Indian Culture and Research Journal](#) 21:1 (Winter 1997): 73-105.  
"The Changing 'Jesus Road': Protestants Reappraise American Indian Missions in the 1920s and 1930s," [Western Historical Quarterly](#) 27 (Winter 1996): 479-504.  
"The American West," [OAH Magazine of History](#) 9 (Fall 1994): 3-4 [co-authored with Bradley J. Young].

**Published Reviews**

- review of Joy Porter's To Be Indian in [Journal of American History](#) 89 (March 2003) [forthcoming].
- review of Peter Nabokov's A Forest of Time in [American Indian Culture and Research Journal](#) 26:4 (Fall 2002) [forthcoming]

- review of Donald L. Fixico's *The Urban Indian Experience in America* and Susan Lobo and Kurt Peters' *American Indians and the Urban Experience* in [American Studies](#) 43:1 (Spring 2002): 202-203.
- review of Navajo Oshley and Robert S. McPherson's *The Journey of Navajo Oshley* in [American Indian Culture and Research Journal](#) 25:2 (Spring 2001): 176-179.
- review of Howard J. Langer's *American Indian Quotations* in [American Indian Culture and Research Journal](#) 21:4 (Fall 1997): 293-296.
- review of William G. McLoughlin's *The Cherokees and Christianity* in [Journal of Appalachian Studies](#) 3:1 (1997): 161-163.
- review of Alice Littlefield and Martha C. Knack's *Native Americans and Wage Labor* in [Michigan Historical Review](#) 22:2 (Fall 1996): 211-212.
- review of Gerald Vizenor's *Manifest Manners* in [Western Historical Quarterly](#) 27:1 (Spring 1996): 87.

### Conference Papers and Seminar Activities

- Reading and book-signing of *Indian Metropolis* at the [Mitchell Museum of the American Indian](#), Evanston, Illinois, January 2003.
- "Public History: Education and Employment," [Pennsylvania Historical Association](#) annual meeting, Millersville University, October 2002.
- "How to be an Indian in the City: The Creation of a Twentieth-Century Urban Indian Identity," [Urban History Association](#) biennial meeting, Pittsburgh, September 2002.
- "Off the Reservation and Into the City: American Indians in Twentieth-Century Chicago," FIF Presentation Series, Messiah College, October 2001.
- "First in Identity Politics: Urban Indians and a Changing American Society in the 1960s and 1970s," American Indian Leaders conference, [Center for Indigenous Nations Studies](#), University of Kansas, September 2000.
- "Using Assessment in Teaching History," Chat and Chew Forum on Teaching, Messiah College, October 1999.
- "Preparing a Curriculum Vitae for a Small Liberal Arts College Job," [Organization of American Historians annual meeting](#), Toronto, April 1999.
- "The Invention of the 'Noble Savage' and Other Episodes in Native American History and Mythology," Department of History Symposium, Messiah College, November 1997.
- "Whose Voices Count? Oral Sources and Twentieth-Century American Indian History," [American Society for Ethnohistory](#) annual meeting, Kalamazoo, November 1995.
- "'We're All Striving for Survival Here': American Indians in Chicago, 1941-1961," [Western History Association](#) annual meeting, Albuquerque, October 1994.
- "Urban American Indians," [Phi Alpha Theta](#) regional annual meeting, Indiana University, April 1993.

### Current Research Interests

"American Indian Politics in the 1960s" [edited collection of essays]  
 "American Indian Voices, 1930-2000" [edited collection of primary documents]  
 "American Indians on the Move in the 1950s: A Comparative Examination"  
 "Mike Chosa: An American Indian Militant in 1970s Chicago"  
 "First in Identity Politics: American Indians and a Changing American Society in the 1960s and 1970s"  
 "Urban American Indians in History and Literature"  
 "Christopher Lasch (1933-1994): American Critic; Christian Historian?"  
 "Strange Bedfellows: Nationalism and Pacifism in American History"  
 "Industrial America's Challenge to Protestantism"  
 (with particular focus on Jane Addams and Edward Bellamy)  
 "The Appeal to Privacy in American Social Movements"

### **Awards and Honors**

Scholarship Grant, Messiah College, 2002  
Scholar Chair, Messiah College, 2000-2002  
Scholarship Grant, Messiah College, 1999  
Curricular Development Grant, Messiah College, 1998  
Teaching Excellence Award, Department of History, Indiana University, 1997  
Albert L. Kohlmeier Fellowship, Department of History, Indiana University, 1996  
Grant-in-Aid of Research, Research and Graduate School, Indiana University, 1995  
Grant-in-Aid of Research, Department of History, Indiana University, 1995

### **Professional Experience**

Consultant, "A Teacher and Student for Life": Dr. Ray H. Crist  
(segment in Barwood Films' The Living Century series, airdate January 2001)  
Referee, [American Indian Culture and Research Journal](#), 1996, 1999  
Guest Editor, issue of [OAH Magazine of History](#) 9 (Fall 1994) on " American West"  
Participant, [National Endowment for the Humanities](#) Workshop, [Newberry Library](#), summer 1992  
Assistant Editor, [OAH Magazine of History](#), 1991-1994

### **Professional Memberships**

[American Historical Association](#)  
[Organization of American Historians](#)  
[Western History Association](#)  
[Conference on Faith and History](#)