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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
dissertation: "Indian Metropolis: Native Americans in Chicago, 1945-1965"
M.A., U.S. History, Indiana University, 1992
B.A., History, Calvin College, 1990

AREAS OF STUDY

modern American political and social, urban, public

ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

Professor of American History, Messiah College, 2009-
Coordinator of the First-Year Core course, Messiah College, 2012-
Associate Professor of American History, Messiah College, 2003-2009
Assistant Professor of American History, Department of History, Messiah College, 1997-2003
Associate Instructor, Department of History, Indiana University, 1995-97
Course Assistant, Department of History, Indiana University, 1994-95

COURSES TAUGHT

U.S. History, 1865-present
U.S. History, 1890-1945
U.S. History, 1945-present
The Vietnam War
U.S. Urban History
African-American History since 1865
Native American History
The American West
Public History
My Country, Right or Wrong? America and its Critics
Nationalism and its Discontents in Modern America
Historical Methods (History sophomore seminar) - Fall 2014
Historiography and the Philosophy of History (History senior seminar)
Created and Called for Community (first-year core course)
The Wages of Sin is Death: *Breaking Bad* as the New American Tragedy - Fall 2014

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Regional Coordinator, National History Day in Pennsylvania, 2005-present
Coordinator, two-day seminar on U.S. History since 1960, providing Act 48 professional development credit for history teachers in central Pennsylvania, 2007
Referee, *American Indian Culture and Research Journal*, 1996, 1999, 2008
Referee, *Western Historical Quarterly*, 2007
Referee, University of Illinois Press, 2006
Editorial reviewer and historical consultant, *Unto A Good Land: A History of the American People* by David Edwin Harrell et. al. (Eerdmans Publishing Co.), 2005

Member, Evaluation Panel for National Endowment for the Humanities summer seminars and institutes proposals, Washington, D.C., 2005
 Historical consultant, PBS series *The Living Century*: episode on the life and career of Dr. Ray H. Crist, airdate December 2000
 Guest editor, issue of *OAH Magazine of History* on “The American West,” 1994
 Participant, National Endowment for the Humanities workshop on Native American Cartography, Newberry Library, 1992
 Assistant editor, *OAH Magazine of History*, 1991-1994

PUBLICATIONS

BOOK

Indian Metropolis: Native Americans in Chicago, 1945-75. Urbana, Ill.: University of Illinois Press, 2002. Paperback edition: 2005.
 [winner of *Choice* Outstanding Academic Book for 2003 award;
 reviewed in *American Historical Review*, *American Indian Culture and Research Journal*, *Choice*, *Ethnohistory*, *Fides et Historia*, *H-Net*, *Journal of American History*, *Journal of the Illinois State Historical Society*, *Journal of the West*, *Michigan Historical Review*, *Midwest Book Review*, *Native Studies Review*, *Nebraska History*, *North Dakota History*, *Pacific Historical Review*, and *Western Historical Review*; and subject of article-length review essay in *Journal of Urban History*]

SCHOLARLY ARTICLES AND BOOK CHAPTERS

“The Problems of Preaching through History.” In *Confessing History: Explorations in Christian Faith and the Historian’s Vocation*, edited by John Fea, Jay Green, and Eric Miller. Notre Dame, Ind.: University of Notre Dame Press, 2010. pp. 187-213.
 “Indian Work and Indian Neighborhoods: Adjusting to Life in Chicago during the 1950s.” In *Enduring Nations: Native Americans in the Midwest*, edited by R. David Edmunds. Urbana, Ill.: University of Illinois Press, 2008.
 “Urban Indians in the U.S. and Indian Identity: An Examination of Chicago from the 1940s through the 1970s.” In *Not Strangers In These Parts: Urban Aboriginal Peoples*, edited by David Newhouse and Evelyn Peters. Ottawa: Policy Research Initiative, 2003. Translated and published in French as “L’identité amérindienne urbaine dans une grande ville des États-Unis: Le Cas de Chicago des Années 1950 aux années 1970.” In *Des Gens D’ici: Les Autochtones en Milieu Urbain*.
 “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].

OTHER ESSAYS

“Fifty Years Later, We’re Still Fighting the War on Poverty,” *Harrisburg Patriot-News* (Jan. 10, 2014).
http://www.pennlive.com/opinion/index.ssf/2014/01/fifty_years_later_were_still_fighting_the_war_on_poverty_james_b_lagrand.html
 “*Breaking Bad* for Christians: A Morally Ordered Show,” *Patheos* (October 15, 2012).
<http://www.patheos.com/Evangelical/Breaking-Bad-James-LaGrand-10-15-2012.html>
 “Obama Suggests Moving Past Racial Divide,” *Harrisburg Patriot-News* (April 7, 2008).
 “A Dream of Many Dimensions: Piecing Together a More Complete Understanding of the Civil Rights Movement,” *The Bridge* 94:4 (Spring 2003): 6-9.

PUBLISHED REVIEWS

- review of Stephen Amerman's *Urban Indians in Phoenix Schools* in *The Journal of American Ethnic History* 32 (Spring 2013): 115-116.
- review of Bradley G. Shreve's *Red Power Rising: The National Indian Youth Council and the Origins of Native Activism in Western Historical Quarterly* 43:2 (Summer 2012): 221-222.
- review of Robert J. Norrell's *Up from History: The Life of Booker T. Washington at First Principles* (posted 9/22/2009). <http://www.firstprinciplesjournal.com/articles.aspx?article=1308&loc=r>
- review of Coll Thrush's *Native Seattle* in *Ethnohistory* 55:2 (Spring 2008): 340-341.
- review of R. David Edmunds' *The New Warriors* in *Indiana Magazine of History* 101 (December 2005): 388-389.
- review of Joy Porter's *To Be Indian* in *Journal of American History* 89 (March 2003): 1567.
- review of Peter Nabokov's *A Forest of Time* in *American Indian Culture and Research Journal* 26:4 (Fall 2002): 146-148.
- 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 Robert S. McPherson's *The Journey of Navajo Oshley* in *American Indian Culture and Research Journal* 25:2 (Spring 2001): 176-179.
- review of Lloyd Billingsley's *Hollywood Party: How Communism Seduced the American Film Industry in the 1930s and 1940s* in *Continuity* 25 (2001): 106-107.
- 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* in *Historical Review* 22:2 (Fall 1996): 211-212.
- review of Gerald Vizenor's *Manifest Manners* in *Western Historical Quarterly* 27:1 (Spring 1996): 87.

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

- "The War on Poverty at 50," Harrisburg Rotary Club, February 2014.
- "Martin Luther King's 'Letter from Birmingham Jail' Across the Generations," Association for Core Texts and Courses (ACTC) annual conference, Ottawa, Canada, April 2013.
- "Is there a Place for the Nation in Modern American History?" Calvin College History Department Colloquia Series, March 2012.
- "The Promise and Problems of Progressivism in Industrial America," Center for Vision and Values Lecture Series, Grove City College, March 2012.
- "A Picture of Friendship in Modern American History," Spring Humanities Symposium, Messiah College, February 2011.
- "Considerations of a (somewhat) Calvinist historian," The 2011 Messiah College Faith & History Lecture, November 2011.
- "Protestant-Inspired Reform in the City: The Search for Solidarity and Connection," Conference on Faith and History biennial meeting, George Fox University, October 2010.
- "The Power of Community as seen through King's Letter from Birmingham Jail," Messiah College, March 2010.
- "Reflections on Henry Louis Gates, Jr. and Memory," Messiah College, February 2010.
- "Searching for Connection and Solidarity in the Industrial City," Spring Humanities Symposium, Messiah College, February 2009.
- "The Problems of Preaching through History," Conference on Faith and History biennial meeting, Bluffton University, September 2008.
- "The West in American Life, Culture, and Politics," State Department Summer Institute for University Teachers, Grantham PA, July 2007.
- Commentator for panel on "Rebuilding American Indian Communities in the 1960s," Western History Association annual meeting, Phoenix, October 2005.

- “The Beginnings of Chicago’s American Indian Community,” Conference on Illinois History annual meeting, October 2005.
- “Pluralism and Nationalism in the Civil Rights Movement,” Spring Humanities Symposium, Messiah College, February 2005.
- “Christianity and the Death of Jim Crow” (symposium on David Chappell’s *Stone of Hope*), Honors Congress Symposium, Messiah College, October 2004.
- Symposium on *Indian Metropolis* with panelists Alison Bernstein, Paul Rosier, and Stephen Cobb, Messiah College, November 2003.
- “Urban Indians in the U.S. and Indian Identity: An Examination of Chicago from the 1940s through the 1970s,” 2003 Aboriginal Strategies Conference sponsored by the Canadian government’s Office of Indian and Northern Affairs and Privy Council Office, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, October 2003.
- 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,” Faculty Interdisciplinary Fellowship 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, University of Kansas, September 2000.
- “Using Assessment in Teaching History,” 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 AND FUTURE RESEARCH PROJECTS

Reform in the American Grain: The Idea of the Nation in Modern Social Movements
 Finding the Nation in the Civil Rights Movement
 From Montgomery to Chicago: The Promise and Problems of the Civil Rights Movement
 The Problems of Preaching through History
 Searching for Connection and Solidarity in the Industrial City
 Progressivism and Contemporary Christianity

AWARDS AND HONORS

Course Development Grant, Messiah College, 2007
 Choice Outstanding Academic Book for 2003 Award for *Indian Metropolis: Native Americans in Chicago, 1945-75* (University of Illinois Press, 2002)
 Participant, Workload Reallocation Program, Messiah College, 2007-2011
 Participant, Workload Reallocation Program, Messiah College, 2003-2007
 Scholarship Grant, Messiah College, 2002
 Scholar Chair, Messiah College, 2000-2002
 Scholarship Grant, Messiah College, 1999
 Course Development Grant, Messiah College, 1998
 Susan O’Kell Outstanding Teaching 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 MEMBERSHIPS

American Historical Association
 Organization of American Historians
 Conference on Faith and History
 International Association for the Promotion of Christian Higher Education

SELECTED ACADEMIC SERVICE AND ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE WITHIN DEPARTMENT

Chair, History Department, Messiah College, 2002-2006
 Director, Public History concentration, Messiah College, 2001-present
 Founder, Alpha-Kappa-Sigma, Messiah College chapter of Phi Alpha Theta, 2003
 Chair, History Department Pre-Modern European History search committee, Messiah College, 2002-2003
 Chair, History Department Modern European History search committee, Messiah College, 2002-2003
 Member, History Department Early American History search committee, Messiah College, 2001-2002
 Member, History Department Non-Western History search committee, Messiah College, 2000-2001
 Member, History Department Early American History search committee, Messiah College, 2000-2001
 Member, History Department Modern European History search committee, Messiah College, 1998-1999
 Appointed Representative, Penn. Department of Education faculty review group, Messiah College, 2002-2003

SELECTED ACADEMIC SERVICE AND ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE WITHIN COLLEGE

Coordinator of the First-Year Core course, Messiah College, 2012-
 Elected Member, Community of Educators Senate, Messiah College, 2011-2014
 Elected Member, Tenure and Promotion committee, Messiah College, 2007-2009, 2010-2011
 Appointed Member, Middle States Commission on Higher Education (MSCHE) Self-Study
 Steering Committee, 2010-present
 Appointed Member, inaugural Messiah College Commencement speakers selection committee,
 2010-present
 Appointed Member, First-Year Core Curriculum Steering Committee, Messiah College, 2005-2008,
 2010-present
 Co-Advisor, Messiah College Republicans, 2009-present
 Appointed Member, Library committee, Messiah College, 2009-present
 Appointed Position, Faculty Mentor Program, Messiah College, 2009-2010, 2008-2009, 2000-2001
 Appointed Member, Center for Public Humanities executive committee, Messiah College, 2006-2009
 Elected Member, Scholarship and Development committee, Messiah College, 2005-2007
 Elected Member, Community of Educators Senate, Messiah College, 2002-2005
 Chair, Ranked Faculty Meeting, Messiah College, 2001-2002
 Elected Member, Ranked Faculty Affairs Committee, Messiah College, 2000-2002
 Appointed Member, General Education committee, Messiah College, 1999-2001
 Appointed Member, First-Year Core Curriculum Design Team, Messiah College, 2002-2005
 Elected Representative from School of Humanities, Educational Review Task Force, Messiah College, 2002-2004
 Appointed Member, Joint Task Force on Faculty Workload, Messiah College, 2002
 Appointed Member, Teacher Education Committee, Messiah College, 2002-2003
 Appointed Member, Boyer Center Planning Committee, Messiah College, 2000-2001
 Appointed Member, Awards Committee, Messiah College, 1998-2001
 Appointed Member, Martin Luther King Commemoration Week Committee, Messiah College, 2005-2008
 Appointed Member, Micah Partnership/Racial Justice Committee, Messiah College, 2000-2001

SENIOR HONORS THESES DIRECTED

- “A Tour of Hershey, Pennsylvania during the Industrial Era”
by Megan Keller, 2012
- “The Can-Opener Gourmet: Poppy Cannon and American Culture in the 1950s”
by Natalie Burack, 2011-2012
- “From Separatism to Activism: The Political Life of Jerry Falwell and the Making of the Moral Majority”
by Christine Kelly, 2010-2011
- “Target of the Press: The Wartime Relationship Between General George Patton and the Media”
by Alexander G. Lovelace, 2010-2011
- “A Woman’s Place: The Assemblies of God and Feminism in the 1970s”
by Caitlin Babcock, Messiah College, 2009-2010
- “A Guided Historical Audio Tour of Messiah College”
by Mary Lee Shade, Messiah College, 2007-2008
- “Urban Public Transportation in Twentieth-Century Boston and Philadelphia”
by Heather Saxelby, Messiah College, 2004-2005
- “Bursting the Bubble: Race Relations at Messiah College in the 1960s and 1970s”
by Rebecca Roberts, 2003-2004
- “The Messiah College Philadelphia Campus: Vision, Purpose, and Reality”
by Sarah Mackin, Messiah College, 2003-2004
- “Republicanism and American First Ladies from Martha Washington to Dolly Madison”
by Megan Jones, Messiah College, 2002-2003
- “Two Hundred Years of American Dining Rooms”
by Janet Kraft, Messiah College, 2002-2003
- “Anti-Semites or Patriots? The American Response to the Holocaust”
by Mac Brodt, Messiah College, 2001-2002