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Education

Ph.D., University of Colorado-Boulder, 2007

Dissertation: "Avalanche Country: Nature, Community, and Culture in the Mountain West, 1834-1910." Adviser: Peter Boag

Specializations: North American Environmental History, American West, Colonial and Nineteenth Century United States History

Master of Arts: University of Montana-Missoula, 2000

Thesis: "There's Going to Be Hell to Pay? An Evaluation of Tourism in Whitefish, Montana"

Bachelor of Arts: The Colorado College, 1993, Major: History

Thesis: "Witch Trials of the Seventeenth Century: Man Against Woman and Nature"

Publications

Article: "Disasters, Railway Workers, and the Law in Avalanche Country, 1880-1910," *Environmental History* (July 2009): 476-501

Article: "Alfred Packer's World: Risk, Responsibility, and the Place of Experience in Mountain Culture, 1873-1907," *Journal of Social History* 40 (Fall 2006): 181-204

Article: "Tourism, Industry, and Community Development: Whitefish, Montana, 1903-2003," *Environmental Practice* 6 (March 2004): 63-70

Encyclopedia Entries: The Donner Party and the Wellington Slide, in Ballard Campbell, ed., *Encyclopedia of Disasters, Accidents, and Crises in American History* (Facts on File, 2007)

Book Review: *Devastation and Renewal: An Environmental History of Pittsburgh and Its Region*, Joel A. Tarr, ed. (Pittsburgh: University of Pittsburgh Press, 2003), for *Journal of Economic History* 64 (September 2004): 913-914

Publications in Progress

Book Project: *Encounters in Avalanche Country, 1820-1920*

Academic Jobs

Assistant Professor, Arthur T. Fathauer Chair, Department of History, University of Alaska, Fairbanks, AK, Fall 2011-present

Assistant Professor of History and Environmental Studies, Bucknell University, Lewisburg, PA, Fall 2007 – Spring 2011

Visiting Assistant Professor of History, Pacific Lutheran University, Tacoma, WA, Fall 2006-Spring 2007

Instructor, Bucknell University, Lewisburg, PA, Spring 2006

Instructor, Colorado College, Colorado Springs, CO, May Block, 2006

Instructor, Susquehanna University, Selinsgrove, Pennsylvania, Fall 2005 and Spring 2006

Research Assistant, Center of the American West (Boulder, Colorado), Fall 2003-Spring 2004

Instructor, Front Range Community College, Longmont, CO, Fall 2001

Bibliography Editor, for Dan Flores, *The Natural West: Environmental History of the Great Plains and Rocky Mountains* (Norman: University of Oklahoma Press, 2001), Summer 1999

Conference Presentations

American Historical Association Conference, "Claiming Nature Through Risky Behavior: How the Leisure Class Appropriated Mountains and Found Transcendence in the Process," Boston, MA, January 2011

American Society for Environmental History Conference, Roundtable on Teaching Environmental History, Portland, OR, March 2010

Pacific Northwest History Conference, Chair and Comments, "Exploration, Discovery, Expansion, and World View: Myth and Reality," Tacoma, WA, April 2007

Western History Association Conference, "Avalanches and Railroad Worker Identity: Natural Disasters and the Culture of Risk Taking in British Columbia," St. Louis, MO, October 2006

Organization of American Historians' Conference, "Who's To Blame? Risk and Responsibility in Avalanche Country, 1859-1893," Boston, MA, March 2004

American Society for Environmental History Conference, "When Play Becomes Big Business: the Impacts of Fifty Years of Skiing in Whitefish, Montana, 1946-1996," Denver, CO, March 2002

Invited Presentations

Focus the Nation (environmental "teach-in") at Bucknell University, "The Human-Nature Relationship and the Future of Sustainability," January 2009

ITEC Seminar, "Using Film in the Classroom," at Bucknell University, January 2008

Focus the Nation (environmental "teach-in") at Bucknell University, "Historical Response to Environmental Crisis and a Historian's Response to the question of "Can we afford NOT to stop global climate change?" January 2008

31st Annual Montana History Conference, "Debunking the Devil's Bargain in Whitefish, Montana," Whitefish, MT, October 2004

27th Annual Montana History Conference, "There's Going to Be Hell to Pay? An Evaluation of Tourism in Whitefish, Montana," West Yellowstone, MT, November 2000

Awards

John Topham and Susan Redd Butler Faculty Research Award, Charles Redd Center for Western Studies, 2009

Participant in National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Institute: Nature and History at the Nation's Edge: A Field Institute in Environmental and Borderlands History, Summer 2009

Dean's Travel Grant, Bucknell University, to attend the Western History Association Conference, Salt Lake City, UT, Fall 2008

Dean's Travel Grant, Bucknell University, to attend the Association of Environmental Historians' Conference, Boise, ID, Spring 2007

Research Grant, Bean Fellowship, Department of History, University of Colorado, Boulder, 2004-2005

Research Grant, Charles Redd Summer Grants for Graduate Students, Charles Redd Center for Western Studies, 2004

Washington Foundation Award for Historical Excellence, Montana Historical Society, October 2000

Research funding for topic in Western History, for Master's thesis, from the Hammond Fund, at the University of Montana, 1999-2000