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Education

Columbia University. U.S. History Ph.D. October 2001.

University of Oregon. U.S. History M.A. June 1995.

University of Michigan. Honors College. Honors Political Science B.A. May 1988.

Employment

Pennsylvania State University: University Park, PA

Associate Professor of History, 2016 to present. Recent courses include graduate and undergraduate seminars in modern U.S. history and environmental history; undergraduate courses in U.S. urban history; the survey of U.S. history since 1877; an introduction to the humanities for non-humanists; and writing seminars. Recent service includes terms on departmental committees on promotion and tenure, on policy, and on anti-racism; multi-year terms on college committees on sustainability and on diversity, inclusion, and transformation; and service as a reviewer for the university's Office of Limited Submissions, and as a board member, and fellow, of the university's Restorative Justice Initiative.

Bryn Mawr College: Bryn Mawr, PA

Johanna Alderfer Harris and William H. Harris, M.D. Chair in Environmental Studies, 2009 to 2016. Associate Professor of Growth and Structure of Cities and Environmental Studies, 2009 to 2016. Director of Environmental Studies, 2010 to 2013. Assistant Professor of Growth and Structure of Cities and Environmental Studies, 2006 to 2009. Teaching included courses in environmental studies, urban studies, and U.S. history.

Oberlin College: Oberlin, OH

Assistant Professor of U.S. Environmental History, 2001 to 2006.

University of Oregon: Eugene, OR

Visiting Instructor in U.S. Environmental History, Summer 1998 and Summer 1999.

Publications

"Protecting Water and Woods: Urban Drinking Water Supplies and Forest Land Protection in the American Northeast." *Inventer le Grand Paris: Histoire Croisée des Métropoles / Inventing Grand Paris: Intersecting Histories of Metropoles* (January 2025). <https://doi.org/10.25580/igp.2024.0005>

"New Directions in Forest History, but Please No New Frontiers." *Environmental History* 28:4 (October 2023): 687-693.

"Returning to the Slough: Environmental Justice in Portland Oregon." In *The Nature of Hope: Grassroots Organizing, Environmental Justice, and Political Change*, Char Miller and Jeff Crane, eds., 79-99. Louisville, Colorado: University Press of Colorado, 2019.

"Law and the Dead Body: Is a Corpse a Person or a Thing?" *Annual Review of Law and Social Science* 14 (2018): 115-125.

"The Nature of Traveling Corpses." *Modern American History* 1:3 (November 2018): 419-424.

"Photographing Slow Disaster: Zoe Strauss's 'Grand Isle Beach.'" *Environmental History* 21:4 (October 2016), 719-729.

Nature Next Door: Cities and Trees in the American Northeast. University of Washington Press Weyerhaeuser Environmental Books Series, edited by William Cronon. Seattle: University of Washington Press, 2012. Paperback edition, 2013.

Reviewed in *Journal of American History, Journal of Urban History, Environmental History, Orion, Human Ecology, Journal of Interdisciplinary History, Planning, New England Quarterly, Technology and Culture, Choice, Publishers Weekly.* A History News Network Best Book of 2012.

"Dirt in the City: Urban Environmental History in the Mid-Atlantic." *Pennsylvania History: A Journal of Mid-Atlantic Studies* 79:4 (Fall 2012), 428-439.

"A Lively Seminar on Death: Teaching the Environmental History of the Human Corpse." The Organization of American Historians' *Magazine of History* (October 2011), 55-56. Named "Editor's Choice" for the issue.

"Who Cares About Forests? How Forest History Matters." In *A Companion to Environmental History*, Douglas Sackman, ed., 410-424. Chichester, West Sussex; Malden, Mass.: Wiley-Blackwell, 2010.

"Dead Bodies in Harlem: Environmental History and the Geography of Death." In *The Nature of Cities: Culture, Landscape and Urban Space*, Andrew Isenberg, ed., 62-76. Rochester, New York: University of Rochester Press, 2006.

"Postcards from the Edges of a Field." *Environmental History* 10:1 (January 2005), 96-97.

"Does Nature Always Matter? Following Dirt Through History." *History and Theory*, 42 (December 2003), 75-81.

"Reflections From Six Feet Under the Field: Dead Bodies in the Classroom." *Environmental History* 8:4 (October 2003), 618-627.

"Troubled Waters in Ecotopia: Environmental Racism in Portland, Oregon." *Radical History Review*. Issue 74: Special Issue on Environmental Politics, Geography and the Left (Spring 1999), 65-95.

--Awarded the ASEH Alice Hamilton Award, 2000.

--Reprinted in *American Environmental History*, Louis S. Warren, ed., 299-318. Blackwell Readers in American Social and Cultural History Series, 2003. Oxford, UK; Malden, MA: Blackwell Publishers Ltd., 2003.

Major Fellowships and Awards

American Council of Learned Societies Frederick Burkhardt Fellowship for Recently Tenured Scholars, 2013-14.

Membership, Institute for Advanced Study, School of Social Science, 2013-14.

National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship. National Humanities Center, 2009-10.

National Science Foundation Scholar Award, 2005-8.

American Council of Learned Societies/Andrew W. Mellon Junior Faculty Fellow, 2004-5.

Charles Warren Fellow. Harvard University's Charles Warren Center for Studies in American History. Seminar topic: The Culture and Politics of the Built Environment, 2004-5.

Alice Hamilton Prize of the American Society for Environmental History. Award for the best environmental history article published outside of the organization's own journal, 2000.

Selected Academic Presentations

"Bodies at Rest?: Unearthing the American Dead." Keynote speaker for the Ashes to Ashes Symposium on Death Studies at North Carolina State University. October 4, 2024.

"Protecting Water and Woods: Urban Drinking Water Supplies and Forest Land Protection in the American Northeast." Invited talk for the Inventer/Inverser le Grand Paris: Vers Une Nouvelle Histoire Des Metropoles // Inventing/Inverting Grand Paris: Towards New Metropolitan Histories international symposium at Ecole Nationale Supérieure d'Architecture de Paris-Belleville. March 14, 2024.

"Learning From Trees: Cities and Forests in the American Northeast." Invited talk for the University of New Hampshire Fall 2022 Environmental Sciences Seminar Series. Virtual seminar. September 15, 2022.

"Assessing Environment and Sustainability." Invited talk for An Urban World: The Changing Landscapes of Suburbs and Cities, a conference at Columbia University, New York City. November 15, 2019.

"The Future of Environmental History." Invited member of the presidential roundtable on the future of the field at the American Society for Environmental History Annual Meeting, Columbus, Ohio. April 11, 2019.

"Traveling Corpses: The Lives of Two Bodies in Motion." Invited talk for Afterlives: Rupture, Persistence, Survival, a conference at the Wolf Humanities Center, University of Pennsylvania. February 16, 2018.

"Repatriating Corpses: Who Gets to be Buried at Home?" Paper presentation at the European Society for Environmental History Biennial Meeting, Zagreb, Croatia. July 1, 2017.

"The Nature of a Funeral: Environmental History and Death." Public lecture at Smith College for the Landscape Studies Program. April 10, 2017.

"Cities and Their Trees: New Forests in Pennsylvania." Public Lecture for the Keystone State Environmental History Series. Lehigh University, April 9, 2015.

"The Nature of Corpses: Dead Bodies in American Environmental History." Professor George Tseo Memorial Humanities Lecture, Pennsylvania State University at Hazleton. March 18, 2015.

"Owning the Dead: Environmental History and the American Corpse." Paper presentation at the Race, Place and Nature in the Americas Conference at Rutgers University Center for Race and Ethnicity. March 8, 2013.

"New York's Nature Next Door: Cities and Forests in the Empire State." Keynote talk for the Researching New York Conference at The University at Albany, SUNY. November 16, 2012.

Selected Professional Service

Environmental History of the Northeast. University of Massachusetts Press Book Series Co-Editor, with Richard Judd. 2024 to present.

Journal of Planning History. Editorial Board, 2024 to present.

Environmental History. Journal Management Group Member, 2019 to present; Co-Chair, 2019 to 2022. Editorial Board Member, 2017 to 2021. Search Committee Member for the new editor-in-chief, 2017-18.

Forest History Society. Walter S. Rosenberry Fellowship Committee Chair, 2024 to present. Executive Committee Member, 2018 to 2023. Strategic Planning Committee Member, 2019 to 2022. F.K. Weyerhaeuser Forest History Fellowship Committee Chair, 2019 to 2023. Theodore C. Blegen Article Award Committee Member, 2018 to 2023.

American Society for Environmental History. Executive Committee Member, 2005-17. Secretary, 2005-2013. Chair, Membership Committee, 2015-17.

Referee. Fellowship and Grant proposal referee for the National Endowment for the Humanities, the National Humanities Center, the National Science Foundation, and the Wellcome Trust. Manuscript reviewer for Bedford/St. Martins, Houghton Mifflin, Prentice Hall, Routledge, Cambridge University Press, MIT Press, Oxford University Press, University of Chicago Press, University of Massachusetts Press, University of Washington Press, West Virginia University Press, Yale University Press, *American Historical Review*, *Environmental History*, *Arcadia*, *American Antiquity*, *Buildings and Landscapes*, *Change Over Time*, *Geoforum*, *Journal of Planning History*, *Journal of Women's History*, *Mortality*, *Pacific Northwest Quarterly*, and *Pennsylvania History*.

Director of Environmental Studies. Director of the Bryn Mawr College Environmental Studies Program from 2010-13. Led the development of the Tri-Co Environmental Studies Minor with Haverford and Swarthmore colleges. Launched the Tri-Co Minor in Fall 2011.

Grant Development. Key contributor in the development and implementation of a successful \$306,810 Penn State University Strategic Plan Seed Grant entitled **"The Restorative Justice Initiative (RJI): The Prison Education Project."** Awarded in 2019. Key contributor in the development and implementation of Bryn Mawr College's successful \$565,000 institutional proposal to the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, entitled **"Strengthening the Humanities and Social Science Components of the Environmental Studies Concentration at Bryn Mawr College."** Awarded in 2008.