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ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

- 2016- Bowdoin College, Department of History, Assistant Professor
- 2015-16 Bowdoin College, Department of History, Visiting Assistant Professor
- 2012-14 Brown University, Department of History, ACLS Postdoctoral Fellow
- 2011-12 Bowdoin College, Department of History, Visiting Assistant Professor

EDUCATION

- 2011 Ph.D., History, Northwestern University
- 2006 M.A., History, Northwestern University
- 2003 M.A., History, Kansas State University
- 2001 B.S., History & Economics, Kansas State University

PUBLICATIONS

Book

- 2019 *Colonial Ecology, Atlantic Economy: Transforming Nature in Early Modern New England* (Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press)

Refereed Journal Articles

- - - - "The Fight for a New England Turpentine Trade: Empire, Markets, and the Colonial Landscape at the Turn of the Eighteenth Century," *The New England Quarterly*, accepted/forthcoming
- 2017 "The Dog Days of Winter: Indigenous Dogs, Indian Hunters, and Wintertime Subsistence in the Northeast," *Winter Ecology*, spec. iss. *Northeastern Naturalist* 24 (March 2017), <http://www.bioone.org/doi/full/10.1656/045.024.s710>, H1-H21.
- 2012 "Changes in the Genre: A Brief Survey of Colonial Mid-Atlantic Environmental History," *The Environmental History of the Mid-Atlantic States*, spec. iss. *Pennsylvania History: A Journal of Mid-Atlantic Studies* 79, no. 4 (Autumn 2012), 345-356.
- 2010 "Trans-Indian Identity and the Inuit 'Other': Relations Between the Chipewyan and Neighboring Aboriginal Communities in the Eighteenth Century," *Ethnohistory* 57, no.4 (2010), 597-624.
- 2010 "Pines, Profits, and Popular Politics: Responses to the White Pine Acts in the Colonial Connecticut Valley," *The New England Quarterly* 83, no.1 (March 2010), 73-101.
- 2008 "'Esteeme a Little of Fish': Fish, Fishponds and Farming in Eighteenth-Century New England and the Mid-Atlantic," *Agricultural History* 82, no. 2 (Spring 2008), 143-163.
- 2007 "The Life and Death of Matonabee: Fur Trade and Leadership Among the Chipewyan, 1736-1782," *Manitoba History* 55 (June 2007), 7-17.

Book Reviews

- 2018 Review of Andrea Smalley, *Wild by Nature: North American Animals Confront Colonization* (Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, 2017), in *The William & Mary Quarterly* 75, no. 1 (April 2018), 378-381.
- 2018 Review of Patrick Spero and Michael Zuckerman, eds., *The American Revolution Reborn* (Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2016), in *The Journal of Interdisciplinary History* 48, no. 4 (Spring 2018), 568-569.
- 2017 Review of Anya Zilberstein, *A Temperate Empire: Making Climate Change in Early America*, (New York: Oxford University Press, 2016), in *The New England Quarterly* 90, no. 4 (December 2017), 605-607.

- 2011 Review of Michael Rawson, *Eden on the Charles: The Making of Boston* (Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 2010) and Jill Sinclair, *Fresh Pond: The History of a Cambridge Landscape* (Cambridge: MIT Press, 2009) in *The Massachusetts Historical Review* 13, 165-168.
- 2010 Review of Thomas R. Cox, *The Lumberman's Frontier: Three Centuries of Land Use, Society and Change in America's Forests* (Corvallis: Oregon State University Press, 2010), in *The New England Quarterly* 83, no. 4, 741-743.
- 2009 Review of Rebecca A. Brown, ed., *Where the Great River Rises: An Atlas of the Upper Connecticut River Watershed in Vermont and New Hampshire* (Lebanon, NH: University Press of New England), in *Historical New Hampshire* 62, no. 2, 124-125.

Other Publications

- 2007 Lead Editor, "Colonial Wars: An Annotated Bibliography, 2nd Edition" prepared for the Society of Colonial Wars in the State of Illinois, November.

FELLOWSHIPS, SCHOLARSHIPS, AND GRANTS

- 2014 The Huntington (Henry E. Huntington Library), Short-Term Fellowship
- 2012-14 ACLS New Faculty Fellowship
- 2010-11 ACLS/Mellon Dissertation Completion Fellowship
- 2010 Alfred D. Chandler Jr. Travel Fellowship in Business History and Institutional Economic History, Harvard Business School
- 2008-10 Dolores Zohrab Liebmann Fund Fellowship (declined for 2010-2011)
- 2008-09 New England Regional Fellowship Consortium, Research Fellowship
- 2008-09 The Graduate School, Northwestern University, Professional Development Award
- 2008 Daughters of the American Revolution, Fort Dearborn Chapter, Scholarship
- 2007-08 American Philosophical Society, Phillips Fund Grant for Native American Research
- 2007-08 Chabraja Center for Historical Studies, Northwestern University, Center Fellowship
- 2007-08 Society of Colonial Wars in the State of Illinois, Travel Grants
- 2007 Agricultural History Society, Conference Travel Grant
- 2007 National Society of the Colonial Dames of America, IL Chapter, District Scholarship

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION & INVITED TALKS

- 2018 Panelist, "Native American Environmental History," Boston Environmental History Seminar, Massachusetts Historical Society, Boston, MA, October 9.
- 2018 Panel Organizer, "Wildness & Domestication: Controlling Animal and Human Bodies in Early Anglo-America," presenting "Curs, Conquest, and Cullings: Dogs as Symbols and Actors in the Conquest of New England," 24th Annual OIEAHC Conference, Williamsburg, VA, June 16.
- 2017 Panel Organizer, "History Gone to the Dogs: Exploring Dogs' Roles as Cultural Interlocutors," presenting "The Indigenous Dogs of Early New England: Disease, 'Widows,' and Intercultural Conflict," American Society for Environmental History Conference, Chicago, IL, March 29-April 2.
- 2016 "A Dog's History of Early New England: Indigenous Dogs in the Societies and Ecology of the Northeast," Boston Environmental History Seminar, Massachusetts Historical Society, Boston, MA, November 15.
- 2016 "History Gone to the Dogs: Canines, Humans and other Animals in Early New England," Faculty Seminar Series, Bowdoin College, November 1.
- 2016 Panel Organizer, "Taming Early America: Human-Animal Relationships Along the Blurred Line of Domestication," presenting "'Their Wealth is in Proportion to Their Dogs': Dogs as Livestock Among Indian Communities of the Seventeenth-Century Northeast" 22nd Annual OIEAHC Conference, Worcester, MA, June 23-26.

- 2015 “‘Begotten ‘Twixt a *Wolf* and a *Fox*’: Dogs and the Environment in Seventeenth-Century New England,” Northeast and Atlantic Canada Environmental History Forum, Lewisburg, PA, August 21-22.
- 2014 “Beaver Builders, Indian Hunters, and European Merchants: How the 17th-Century Fur Trade Transformed the New England Landscape,” American Origins Seminar, USC-Huntington Library Early Modern Studies Institute, Pasadena, CA, September 27.
- 2013 “Hydrology and the History of Malaria in 17th–19th-Century New England,” Northeast and Atlantic Canada Environmental History Forum, Orono, ME, September 28.
- 2013 “Changes in the Land *and* Water: Beaver Ecology and the Fur Trade of Early New England,” 19th Annual OIEAHC Conference, Baltimore, MD, June 13-15.
- 2013 “The Rise and Fall of the New England Turpentine Trade, 1680-1750: How Huguenot Émigrés reshaped the New England Woodlands,” 8th Biennial Conference of the Society of Early Americanists, Savannah, GA, February 28-March 2.
- 2013 “‘Nature Afforded More Than Our Arts’: Turpentine and the Limits of Empire as an Agent for Knowledge Diffusion in English Colonial North America,” Science and Technology Studies Brown Bag Series, Brown University, Providence, RI, February 7
- 2012 “Changes in the Water: Early Modern Settler Society Impacts on the Connecticut River and Long Island Sound,” Boston Environmental History Seminar, Massachusetts Historical Society, Boston, MA, December 11.
- 2012 “Confederation Government Policy Towards Native Americans,” Maine Humanities Council Workshop, “An Engaged Citizenry: Using Primary Sources in Civics and Government,” Orono and Brunswick, ME, July 23-24.
- 2011 “The Forest for the Trees: Using Microhistory to Study Early Modern Climate Change,” Chabreja Center for Historical Studies Workshop, “The Pitfalls and Possibilities of Microhistory,” Northwestern University, Evanston, IL, May 13.
- 2011 “Matonabee,” Radio Interview for CJSW 90.9FM, Calgary Independent Radio, “Today in Canadian History” Segment, February 23.
- 2010 “The Biography of a River? Considering the Value of Biography as a Tool for Environmental History,” Chabreja Center for Historical Studies Workshop, “The Promise and Perils of Biography,” Northwestern University, Evanston, IL, April 30.
- 2009 “Pines, Profits, and Popular Politics: The Timber Trade of the Colonial Connecticut Valley,” Boston Environmental History Seminar, Massachusetts Historical Society, Boston, MA, November 10.
- 2009 “The Transnational ‘Eskimo’: Globalizing the Study of Race,” 3rd CHS International Doctoral Workshop, sponsored by Northwestern University’s Center for Historical Studies and Cambridge University, Cambridge, UK, October 23-24, 2009.
- 2009 “Turpentine and Tragedy: A Case of Violent Resource Competition in the Colonial Connecticut Valley,” The McNeil Center for Early American Studies Biannual Graduate Student Conference, Philadelphia, PA, September 24-26.
- 2009 “The Shifting Course of the Connecticut River in Early American Law and Culture,” 1st World Congress for Environmental History, Copenhagen, Denmark, August 4-8.
- 2009 “Empire and Environment: Contextualizing the Environmental History of Early New England within the Atlantic World,” 2nd CHS International Doctoral Workshop, sponsored by Northwestern University’s Center for Historical Studies and the Amerika-Institut of Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität, Munich, Germany, May 28-29.
- 2009 “The Contentious Valley: Environmental Violence in the Colonial Connecticut Valley,” Brown Bag Lunch Lecture, Massachusetts Historical Society, March 4.
- 2009 “The Life and Riotous Times of Colonel Timothy Bedel,” Brown Bag Lunch Lecture, New Hampshire Historical Society, Concord, NH, February 25.

- 2008 “Turpentine in the Colonial Connecticut Valley,” Henry N. Flynt Library, Historic Deerfield, Massachusetts, August 11.
- 2008 “New England Timber: Regulating Supply in the Seventeenth- and Eighteenth-Century British Atlantic Economy,” 14th Annual OIEAHC Conference, Boston, MA, June 6-8.
- 2008 “Fighting for the Forest: Trees and Politics in Colonial and Revolutionary New England,” Annual Meeting of the Fort Dearborn Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Glenview, IL, May 12.
- 2008 “The Forest or the Trees? The Question of Scale in the Study of the Early American Environment,” Colonial Society of Massachusetts’ Graduate Forum in Early American History, Boston, MA, May 2.
- 2008 “Indians, ‘Esquimaux’, and Race: Identity and Community in the Lands West of Hudson’s Bay in the Eighteenth Century,” John A. Rawley Graduate Conference in the Humanities, University of Nebraska, Lincoln, NE, April 12.
- 2008 Convener, “Workshop on Environmental History,” hosted by The Center for Historical Studies, Northwestern University; and Presenter, “The New England Forest and the Origins of Conservation in Early America,” Evanston, IL, April 5.
- 2008 “Forestry Policy and Popular Resistance in Eighteenth-Century New England,” 122nd Annual Meeting of the American Historical Association, Washington, DC, January 3-6.
- 2007 “The Development of Fishpond Aquaculture in the Colonial Period,” presented at the 2nd Annual Meeting of the Agricultural History Society, Ames, IA, June 21-23.
- 2007 “The Environment’s Role in the Lives of Colonial Americans,” Annual Meeting, IL Chapter, National Society of the Colonial Dames of America, Chicago, IL, May 16.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Bowdoin College

Animals in American History (seminar)

Politically Conservative?: The Politics of the American Revolution (seminar)

The Global Origins of America (lecture)

North American Indian History, c.1450-1815 (lecture)

The Shot Heard ‘Round the World: The History of Revolutionary America (lecture)

North American Indian History, c.1450-Present (lecture)

Brown University

From Nature's Dangers to Nature Endangered: A History of American Envir. Thought (seminar)

The Shot Heard ‘Round the World: The History of Revolutionary America (lecture), Instructor

Interdisciplinary Study of the Relationship between People & Sharks (Group Independent Study)

North American Environmental History (lecture)

Northwestern University

The Frontier in American History (seminar)

HONORS AND AWARDS

- 2008 Award for best paper presented at the John A. Rawley Graduate Conference in the Humanities, University of Nebraska-Lincoln for “Indians, ‘Esquimaux,’ and Race: Identity and Community in the Lands West of Hudsons Bay in the Eighteenth Century”
- 2005 George Romani Prize for Best Paper by a First Year Graduate Student, Northwestern University, History Department, for “Indians, Inuit, and Race: Racialized Differentiation Among the Populations Surrounding Hudson’s Bay in the Eighteenth and Early Nineteenth Centuries”

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE (selected)

- 2007-17 Research and Editorial Assistant for the textbooks *American Stories: A History of the United States*, 1st-2nd Editions, (Longman Publishing); *America: Past & Present*, 8th-10th Editions, (Pearson Group, Pearson-Longman Publishing); and *The American Story*, 4th-5th Editions (Penguin Academics, Pearson-Longman Publishing).
- 2014-16 Historical Consultant for Ohlinger Publishing Services
- 2012-13 Research and Content Development, History Explorer Project, Pearson Education
- 2011-12 Historical Consultant, Heinemann-Raintree Publishers, Multiple Projects
- 2011-12 Research Assistant to T.H. Breen on *George Washington's Journey: The President Forges a New Nation* (Simon & Schuster, 2016)
- 2009 Editorial Assistant to T.H. Breen for *American Insurgents, American Patriots: The Revolution of the People* (Hill and Wang, 2010).
- 2009 Freelance reviewing/editing/writing for MyHistoryLab Project (online content in support of the textbook *America: Past and Present*, 9th edition) for Pearson Education.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- American Historical Association, Member
- Omohundro Institute of Early American History and Culture, Associate
- Society for Early Americanists, Member
- American Society for Environmental History & Forest History Society, Joint Member