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EDUCATION

Ph.D., 1991, University of Florida.
M.A., 1985, University of Western Ontario, Canada
B.A., 1981, University of Western Ontario, Canada

FACULTY APPOINTMENTS

2013-present, Professor of History, University of Texas at Arlington
1996-2013, Associate Professor of History, University of Texas at Arlington
1992-1996, Assistant Professor, University of Texas at Arlington
1991-1992, Assistant Professor, Limited Term, Simon Fraser University

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

College of Liberal Arts Candidate for University Academy of Distinguished Teachers, 2012
Stanford Humanities Center Senior Fellow, Stanford University, 2004-2005
Alternate, Newberry Library Long-Term Fellowship, 2003
UT-Arlington Faculty Development Leave, 2002
Departmental Fellowship, University of Florida, 1989
Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, Doctoral Fellowship, 1987
Richard J. Milbauer Fellowship, University of Florida, 1985-1987

GRANTS

Funded: \$15,000.00, The Seed Box: A Mistra-Formas Environmental Humanities Collaboratory, Linköping University, Sweden, June 2021 – February 2022. Funds supported the making of a video conversation that explored from different disciplinary and philosophical perspectives the relationship between environmental history and the environmental humanities and arts, and more broadly, the relationship between scholars in the liberal arts who focus more on people and material nature vs those who focus more on nature as people imagine it. The video was produced for the Seed Box Community Garden Festival and presented February 11, 2022 to a live audience over Zoom.

<https://www.thecommunity.garden/christopher-morris-university-of-texas-at-arlington/environmental-history-and-the-environmental-humanities-video-documentation>

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RESEARCH

ONGOING RESEARCH PROJECTS AND COLLABORATIONS

"Chemistry, Capitalism, and the Commodification of Nitrogen." This book-length study begins with Ned Cobb, an early twentieth century Alabama tenant farmer in need of nitrogen fertilizer and situates him within a global trade in nitrogen and nitrogen compounds. Whereas studies of capitalism that often focus on commodities miss environmental connections and implications, my study will focus on a single element, nitrogen, and the ways it has been extracted from some natural environments, repackaged as compounds that were placed into commodities, and shipped to distant environments where it was released back into the environment. Each step in the process--extraction, repackaging, release--brought people into contested relations with each other and with non-human nature. "Chemistry, Capitalism..." connects Ned Cobb and his Tallapoosa County community to South America and Europe, and to the larger arenas of science, industrial capitalism, world war, environmental degradation, global nitrogen cycles, and back again.

PUBLICATIONS

Books Authored:

The Big Muddy: An Environmental History of the Mississippi and Its Peoples from Hernando de Soto to Hurricane Katrina (New York: Oxford University Press, 2012).

The first long-term environmental history of the Mississippi, this book spans five centuries to discuss the interaction between people and the landscape, from early hunter-gatherer bands to present-day industrial and post-industrial society. Hernando de Soto found an incredibly vast wetland. But since then much has changed. By the 1890s, the valley was rapidly drying as a consequence of intensified human meddling--including deforestation, swamp drainage, monocropping, and most monumentally, the reconstruction of the river itself, largely under the direction of the Army Corps of Engineers—which repressed the valley's essential wet nature. However, a repressed wet nature had a habit of returning, often in unrecognized forms, including drought, disease, and spontaneously combusting swamplands, but always, of course, by flooding. Valley residents have been paying the price for these human interventions, for the repression of the valley's nature. And nature keeps returning with ever more damaging symptoms of its pathological condition, most visibly with the disaster that followed Hurricane Katrina.

Reviewed In:

American Historical Review (April 2014): 513-514.
American Scientist 101 (January-February 2013): 58-60.
Arkansas Historical Quarterly 72 (Winter 2013): 398.
Australasian Journal of American Studies 32 (July 2013): 114.
Canadian Journal of History 48 (Winter 2013): 523.
Choice 50 (February 2013): 3453.
Environmental History (October 2013)
H-Net Reviews (January 2013).
Journal of American History (June 2013): 174.
Journal of American Studies Online 48 (February 2014).
Journal of Geography Online (January 2016).
Journal of Historical Geography (September 2014).
Journal of the Illinois State Historical Society 32 (Summer 2013): 327-328.
Journal of Mississippi History (March 2013): 72-74.
Journal of Southern History (November 2016): 997-998.
Nature 488 (August 2, 2012): 31.
New Scientist 215 (July 28, 2012): 46.
Ohio Valley History 13 (Summer 2013): 91-93.
Reviews in American History 41 (September 2013): 424-430.
The Historian 76 (December 2014): 825-26.

Becoming Southern: The Evolution of a Way of Life, Vicksburg and Warren County, Mississippi 1770-1860 (New York: Oxford University Press, 1995; paperback edition, 1999. xix, 258 pages).

This study challenges the old notion of an economic and culturally static South that stood in contrast to a dynamic North and argues that the South became different from the North. At the end of the 18th century Mississippi was socially, economically, and culturally more western than southern, having more in common with Illinois than with South Carolina. However, when men increasingly and often violently seized control over extended kin networks to acquire land and slaves, an emerging patriarchy redefined relations between masters and slaves, husbands and wives, planters and yeoman farmers, and this western place became the southern place that its white residents defended in the Civil War.

Reviewed In:

Alabama Review 49 (October 1996), 292.
American Historical Review 101 (December 1996), 1623.
American Studies Today Online, Liverpool (2001).
Canadian Journal of History (April 1996), 138.
Choice (December 1995), 2337.
European Association of American Studies Online Journal
Florida Historical Quarterly 75 (Summer 1996), 477-479.
Georgia Historical Quarterly
History
History Book Club (October 1995).
Journal of American History 83 (June 1996), 179.
Journal of Economic History (June 1996), 523-525.
Journal of Interdisciplinary History 27 (Winter 1997), 540-541.
Journal of Southern History 62 (November 1996), 802-803.
Mississippi Quarterly (March 1998).

New Orleans Review
Southern Cultures
The Times Literary Supplement (September 29, 1995).

Awards:

Nominee, 1996 Pulitzer Prize in History
Winner, Outstanding Research Achievement Award, UT-Arlington, April 1996
History Book Club main selection

Books Edited:

Assumed Identities: The Meanings of Race in the Atlantic World (College Station: Texas A & M University Press, 2010), co-edited with John D. Garrigus

Manifest Destiny and Empire: American Antebellum Expansion (College Station: Texas A & M University Press, 1997), co-edited with Sam W. Haynes. Paperback edition published 2009.

Southern Writers and Their Worlds (College Station: Texas A&M University Press, 1996; paperback edition, Baton Rouge: Louisiana State University Press, 1998), co-edited with Steven G. Reinhardt.

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles and Book Chapters:

"The Rise and Fall of Uncle Sam Plantation," *Charting the Plantation Landscape: Natchez to New Orleans*, ed. Laura Kilcer VanHuss (Baton Rouge: LSU Press, 2021), 191-222.

"The New History of Slavery and Capitalism: *Déjà Vu* All Over Again," *Journal of the Civil War Era* 10 (December 2020): 524-557.

"Mapping the Great Lakes: The Somageography of Water and Land, 1615-1828," co-authors Robert Markley, U. of Illinois, Michael Simeone, Arizona State U., Kenton McHenry, National Center for Supercomputing Applications. *Eighteenth-Century Fiction* (October 2019): 169-195.

"The American River," *Mediterranean Rivers in Global Perspective*, edited by Johannes Bernhardt, Markus Koller, Achim Lichtenberger. Germany (Paderborn, Germany: Ferdinand Schöningh/Brill, 2019), 303-322.

"The Canoe and the Superpixel: Image Analysis of the Changing Shorelines of Historical Maps of the Great Lakes," co-authors Robert Markley, U. of Illinois, Michael Simeone, Arizona State U., Kenton McHenry, National Center for Supercomputing Applications. *Journal18: A Journal of Eighteenth-Century Art and Culture* (Spring 2018), <http://www.journal18.org/2619>

"Environmental History of the Mississippi River and Delta," *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Environmental Science* (September 2017), 23 pages. Peer-reviewed, regularly updated, online publication.

<http://environmentalscience.oxfordre.com/view/10.1093/acrefore/9780199389414.001.0001/acrefore-9780199389414-e-114>

"The American South in the French Empire: Les Étés Longs et Chauds," *European Empires in the American South*, edited by Joseph P. Ward (Jackson: University of Mississippi Press, 2017), 169-187.

"The Intellectual Lives of Natchez and Concord, and the Legacies of Slavery," *Southern Quarterly* (March 2017): 49-70.

"Disturbing the Mississippi: The Language of Science, Engineering, and River Restoration," *Open Rivers: Rethinking the Mississippi* Second Issue (Spring 2016), online at <http://editions.lib.umn.edu/openrivers/>.

"Reckoning with 'The Crookedest River in the World': The Maps of Harold Norman Fisk," *Southern Quarterly* Special Issue on the Mississippi River as Twentieth-Century Southern Icon 52 (Spring 2015): 30-44.

"River Systems," in *The Princeton Companion to Atlantic History*, edited by Joseph C. Miller (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2015), 412-416.

"The Strange Career of Gideon Gibson: The Story of a Southern Family's Passage from Black to White," in *Southern Identities: New Essays in the History of an American Region*, edited by Lisa Tendrich Frank and Daniel Kilbride, (Gainesville: University Press of Florida, 2011), 25-40.

"Wetland Colonies: Louisiana, Guangzhou, Pondicherry, and Senegal," in *Cultivating the Colonies: Colonial States and their Environmental Legacies*, edited by Christina Folke Ax, Niels Brimnes, Niklas Thode Jensen, and Karen Oslund (Athens, OH: Ohio University Press, 2011), 135-163.

"A More Southern Environmental History," *Journal of Southern History* 75 (August 2009): 581-598.

"How to Prepare Buffalo, and Other Things French Taught Indians about Nature," in Bradley G. Bond, ed. *French Colonial Louisiana and the Atlantic World*. Baton Rouge: Louisiana State University Press, 2005.

Finding Louisiana: La Salle and the Mississippi River Delta," *Terrae Incognitae* (2004), 28-41.

"Impenetrable but Easy: The French Transformation of the Lower Mississippi Valley and the Founding of New Orleans," pp 22-42 in Craig E. Colten, ed. *Transforming New Orleans and Its Environs: Centuries of Change* Pittsburgh: University of Pittsburgh Press, 2000.

"Within the Slave Cabin: Violence In Mississippi Slave Families," in Christine Daniels and Michael V. Kennedy, eds., *Over the Threshold: Intimate Violence in Early America* (New York: Routledge, 1999), 268-285.

"The Articulation of Two Worlds: The Master-Slave Relationship Reconsidered," *Journal of American History* 85 (December 1998), 982-1007.

"What's So Funny?: Southern Humorists and the Market Revolution," in Christopher Morris and Steven G. Reinhardt, eds. *Southern Writers and Their Worlds* (College Station: Texas A&M Press, 1996; paperback edition, Baton Rouge: Louisiana State University Press, 1998), 9-26.

"The Southern White Community in Life and Mind," *Canadian Review of American Studies* 21 (Fall 1990), 203-222.

"An Event in Community Organization: The Mississippi Slave Insurrection Scare of 1835," *Journal of Social History* 22 (Fall 1988), 93-111.

Essays:

"How I Came to Know the Mississippi River," *Open Rivers: Rethinking the Mississippi* (Fall 2015), online at <http://editions.lib.umn.edu/openrivers/article/knowing-the-mississippi/>

"Only a River," *Iowa Review* Special Issue on Rivers (Fall 2009), 149-165.

Review Essays:

"Shopping for America in Mississippi, Or How I Learned to Stop Complaining and Love the Pemberton Mall," *Reviews in American History* 29 (March 2001), 103-110.

"Challenging the Masters: Recent Studies on Slavery and Freedom," *Florida Historical Quarterly* 73 (October 1994), 218-224.

"Reading Popular Culture in Early America" *Reviews in American History* 22 (June 1994), 252-57.

Book Reviews:

Barrier to the Bays: The Islands of the Texas Coastal Bend and Their Pass. By Mary Jo O'Rear. *Southwestern Historical Quarterly* (April 2023):607-608.

Beyond Control: The Mississippi River's New Channel to the Gulf of Mexico. By James F. Barnett. *Journal of Historical Geography* 65 (July 2019): 107-108.

The Gulf: The Making of an American Sea. By Jack E. Davis. *Southwestern Historical Quarterly* (July 2018).

Ain't There No More: Louisiana's Disappearing Coastal Plain. By Carl A. Brasseaux and Donald W. Davis. *Louisiana History* (Fall 2018).

Let Us Now Praise Famous Gullies: Providence Canyon and the Soils of the South. By Paul S. Sutter. *Agricultural History* (Winter 2017): 120-122.

The Lost History of the New Madrid Earthquakes. By Conevery Bolton Valencius, *The American Historical Review* 119 (December, 2014): 1689-1690.

The Accidental City: Improvising New Orleans. By Lawrence N. Powell, in *The Journal of Southern History* (August, 2013): 685-687.

Manifest Destinies: America's Westward Expansion and the Road to the Civil War. By Steven E. Woodworth, in *The Register of the Kentucky Historical Society* 109 (Summer/Autumn 2011): 482-484.

Planting a Capitalist South: Masters, Merchants, and Manufacturers in the Southern Interior, 1790-1860, By Tom Downey, in *The American Historical Review* (February 2007), 195.

The Sugar Masters: Planters and Slaves in Louisiana's Cane World, 1820-1860, By Richard Follett, in *The Journal of Southern History* (February 2007), 177-79.

Laboring Women: Reproduction and Gender in New World Slavery, by Jennifer L. Morgan, in *Itinerario: The European Journal of Overseas History* 30 (2006).

A Sphinx on the American Land: The Nineteenth-Century South in Comparative Perspective, by Peter Kolchin, in *The American Historical Review* (June 2004), 864-65.

Free State of Jones: Mississippi's Longest Civil War, by Victoria E. Bynum, in *The Journal of Southern History* 70 (February 2004), 176-77.

Black Rice: The African Origins of Rice Cultivation in the Americas, by Judith A. Carney, in *Itinerario: European Journal of Overseas History* 27, no. 3/4 (2003), 309.

The Old South Frontier, by Donald P. McNeilly, in *The Georgia Historical Quarterly* (2003), 641-42.

Slavery, Secession, and Southern History, ed. Robert Louis Paquette and Louis A. Ferleger, in *Journal of American History* (Dec. 2001)

The Buzzel about Kentuck: Settling the Promised Land, ed. Craig Thompson Friend, in *The Journal of Southern History* 66 (May 2000), 393-95.

American Mobbing, 1828-1861: Toward Civil War, by David Grimsted, in *The Journal of Interdisciplinary History* 30 (Spring 2000), 706-07.

Masters, Slaves and Subjects: The Culture of Power in the South Carolina Country, 1740-1790, by Robert Olwell, in *Journal of American History* 86 (June 1999), 217-18.

Transforming the Cotton Frontier: Madison County, Alabama, 1800-1840, by Daniel S. Dupre, for H-SHEAR, H-NET List of the Society for the History of the Early American Republic, H-SHEAR@H-NET.MSU.EDU, (March 1999), 6 pp.

A Way Through the Wilderness: The Natchez Trace and the Civilization of the Southern Frontier, by William C. Davis, in *Journal of the Early Republic* 18 (Spring 1998), 159-61.

Honor and Slavery, by Kenneth S. Greenberg, and *Culture of Honor: The Psychology of Violence in the South*, by Richard E. Nisbett and Dov Cohen, in *Journal of American History* 84 (June 1997), 225

Them Dark Days: Slavery in the Carolina and Georgia Rice Swamps by William Dusinberre, in *Journal of Economic History* (1997)

Washington County: Politics and Community in Antebellum America, by Paul Bourke and Donald DeBats, in *Locus* (1996).

Cities of the Mississippi: Nineteenth-Century Images of Urban Development, by John W. Reys, in *Planning Perspectives* 11 (January 1996), 87-89.

The Economy and Material Culture of Slaves: Goods and Chattels on the Sugar Plantations of Jamaica and Louisiana, by Roderick A. McDonald, in *The Florida Historical Quarterly* 74 (1995) 367-68.

An Evening When Alone: Four Journals of Single Women in the South, 1827-67, edited by Michael O'Brien, in *Southern Cultures* (1995).

The Agrarian Origins of American Capitalism, by Allan Kulikoff, in *The Journal of Interdisciplinary History* 26 (Winter 1995), 520-522.

Gabriel's Rebellion: The Virginia Slave Conspiracies of 1800 and 1802, by Clyde Egerton, in *Labor History* 35 (Fall 1994), 574-576.

The Fire-Eaters, by Eric Walther, in *The Florida Historical Quarterly* 71 (April 1993), 506-08.

Incidents of My Life: The Autobiographies of Edmund Ruffin, edited by David F. Allmendinger, Jr., in *Journal of American History* 78 (March 1992), 1449-1450.

Secret and Sacred: The Diaries of James Henry Hammond, a Southern Slaveholder, edited by Carol Bleser, in *Slavery and Abolition* 11 (May 1990), 113-15.

Natchez Before 1830, edited by Noel Polk, in *The Florida Historical Quarterly* 69 (October 1990), 235-36.

The Evolution of Southern Culture, edited by Numan V. Bartley, in *Canadian Review of American Studies* 20 (Fall 1989), 282-284.

The Elusive Eden: Frank McMullan's Confederate Colony in Brazil by William Clark Griggs, in *Hispanic American Historical Review* 68 (November 1988), 875.

New Perspectives on Race and Slavery in America: Essays in Honor of Kenneth M. Stampp edited by Robert H. Abzug and Stephen E. Maizlish, in *Canadian Review of American Studies* 18 (Fall 1987), 437-438.

Encyclopedia Entries:

"The Mississippi River," *Encyclopedia of American Environmental History*, ed. Kathleen Brosnan (New York: Facts on File, 2010).

"Mississippi River," in Edward Countryman, ed., *The Old West, History and Heritage* 11 vols. (Lewes, East Sussex, UK: White-Thomson Publishing, 2008, published in the U.S., Tarrytown, NY: Marshall Cavendish, 2009), 6:

Op-ed Articles:

"For poor blacks, was it ever so: Post-Civil War deals with the feds ensured a New Orleans society dominated by whites," *Newsday*, September 18, 2005.

"In New Orleans, Once Again, the Irony of Southern History," History News Network, September 4, 2005, <http://hnn.us/articles/15163.html>, accessed 09/07/2006. This essay has been the subject of discussion on ten blogs and list serves in the U.S. and overseas, in English and French.

Textbooks:

Longman American History Atlas, co-author. (New York: Longman, 1999).

Other Publications:

"Thinking Big about Small Creatures in a Small Place," Twelve Hills Nature Center Newsletter, 2 (Fall 2006)

PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED LECTURES

"Chemistry, Capitalism, and the Commodification of Nitrogen: A Global History of an Alabama Cotton Patch," 2023 Research Conference Keynote Address, Centenary College, Shreveport, Louisiana, April 20, 2023.

"Nitrogen: An Elementary History of Southern Agriculture," Southern Forum on Agricultural, Rural, and Environmental History (SFARE), Wichita Falls, TX, April 26, 2019.

"Selling Nitrogen to the World: Corporate Advertising and the Invention of Modern Agro-Chemistry," Society for Literature, Science, and the Arts, Toronto, November 16, 2018.

"Harnessing the World to Feed a Field: Early Twentieth-Century Alabama Cotton Farmers and the Global Nitrogen Cycle," Southern Historical Association, Birmingham, AL, November 11, 2018.

"The Meaning of Restoration," Louisiana State of the Coast Conference, New Orleans, June 2016.

“Water, Water, Everywhere: A Wet History of the Delta,” Mississippi Water Security Institute, University of Mississippi, Oxford, May 2016.

“An American River? The Mississippi in Global Historical Perspective,” Mediterranean Rivers in Global Perspective, University of the Rhur, Bochum, Germany, March 2016.

“Nitrogen Networks: From Ned Cobb’s Alabama to the Early Twentieth-Century World and Back,” Atlantic Environments and the American South, Rice University, February 2016.

"Legacies of Enlightenment and Darkness: The Burden of History in Natchez, Mississippi," Natchez Literary and Cinema Celebration, Natchez, Mississippi, February 2016.

“Speaking of the Mississippi: America’s Great River In Words and Deeds,” Sawyer Seminar Symposium on The Once and Future River: Imagining the Mississippi in an Era of Climate Change, Institute for Advanced Study, University of Minnesota, April 9, 2015.

“Mapping the Great Lakes: Historical Cartography and Climate History, 1650-1850,” Society for Historical Discoveries, Austin, TX, October 30-November 2, 2014.

“Creating the Perfect Catfish: The Twentieth Century U.S. Catfish Industry in Environmental and Social Context,” Second World Congress of Environmental History, Minho University, Guimarães, Portugal, July 2014.

“Bad Habits or Bad Language: Ecologists, Engineers, and the Language of Mississippi River Floods,” American Society for Environmental History, San Francisco, April 2014.

“A More Perfect Catfish: The Reinvention of the Mississippi Catfish,” Society for Literature, Science, and the Arts, Notre Dame University, October 2013.

“Ice Flows and Water Levels: A Historical Hydrology of the Great Lakes,” Society for Literature, Science, and the Arts, Notre Dame University, October 2013.

"The American South in the French Empire: Les Étés Longs et Chauds," Porter L. Fortune, Jr., Symposium on the History of the American South, University of Mississippi, February 2013.

“Cleaning Fish and French from New Orleans and Surrounding Wetlands, 1790-1850,” American Society for Environmental History, Toronto, April 2013.

“Slaughtering Bears for Cotton: Manly Men, Ferocious Beasts, and the Ecology of Hunting and Planting,” Southern Historical Association, Mobile, November 2012.

“Local Traditions, Global Markets, and Environmental Degradation: An Environmental History of New Orleans from the Perspective of Antoine’s Restaurant,” NOLALoyola 2011 Live to Eat Symposium, Loyola University, New Orleans, September 30, 2011.

"Of Hogs and Men: Ecological (and Ideological) Invasions of Bermuda and Other Desert Isles," Society for Literature, Science, and the Arts, Kitchener, Ontario, September 24, 2011.

"The Big Muddy: Engineering the Lower Mississippi in the 19th Century," Arlington Technology Association, September 7, 2011.

"Environmental and Sustainability Studies and Interdisciplinary Research," Annual Celebration of Excellence by Students (ACES) Sustainability Across the Curriculum Symposium, UTA, March 23, 2011.

"Land, Water, People Fish: Life Along the Mississippi," Melville-Nelles-Hoffmann Lecture in Environmental History, York University, Toronto, March 2, 2011.

"The Implications of Sustainability for the Discipline of History and Vice Versa," Annual Celebration of Excellence by Students (ACES) Sustainability Across the Curriculum Symposium, UTA, March 25, 2010.

"Footprints in the Closet: Talking About the 'Other' Gibson Family," Group for Early Modern Cultural Studies, Dallas, October 22-24, 2009.

"Learning to Live with Water: Post-Katrina New Orleans and the Lessons of the Past," First World Congress of Environmental History, Copenhagen, August 2009.

"Living with Water: Environmental History and Present-Day Environmental Problems," The Donovan Lecture, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, March 10, 2009.

"Floating Islands, Drifting Continents: Situating Bermuda in Britain's American Empire," Society of Early Americanists, Hamilton, Bermuda, March 5, 2009.

"Cotton, Capitalism, and the Lower Mississippi Valley: A comment on Walter Johnson's Keynote Presentation," Southern Intellectual History Circle, UNC Chapel Hill, February 2008.

"What If a River is Only a River?" The University of Iowa Mississippi River Symposium, October 28-30, 2006.

"Race, Reconstruction, and the Origins of Federal Flood Control in the Lower Mississippi Valley," Southern Historical Association Annual Meeting, Birmingham, Alabama, November 2006.

"Wetland Colonies: Louisiana, Guangzhou, Pondicherry, and Senegal," Colonialism, Postcolonialism, and the Environment, German Historical Institute, Washington, D.C., May 6, 2006.

"Catfish, Crawfish, Cotton, and Chemicals: Fishing, Farming, and Fish Farming along the Lower Mississippi River," American Society for Environmental History, St. Paul, Minnesota, March 30, 2006.

"The Strange Career of Gideon Gibson," Honoring a Master, The University of Florida, October 2005.

"Before They Went West: Engineers, Bureaucrats, and Developers in the Lower Mississippi Valley," Bill Lane Center for the Study of the North American West, Stanford University, May 18, 2005.

"Eating the Land, Or, Finding Empire in the Soup de Jour," Group for Early Modern Cultural Studies, Orlando, Florida, November 2004

"A Big Muddy River Runs Through It," Stanford Humanities Center, Stanford University, October 2004.

"Riz Noir et Blanc: Rice and Empire in Eighteenth Century Louisiana," Forum on European Expansion and Global Interaction, John Carter Brown Library, February 2004.

"Finding Louisiana: La Salle and the Mississippi River Delta," Society for the History of Discoveries, New Orleans, October 2003.

"A Big Muddy River Runs Through It: History and Environment in the Lower Mississippi Valley," Organization of American Historians, Memphis, March 2003.

"Old Tropes, New World: Literature, Landscape, Trans-Atlantic Encounters," Group for Early Modern Cultural Studies, Tampa, November 2002

"The Nature of Colonization in the Mississippi Valley," Forum on European Expansion and Global Interaction, Huntington Library, San Marino, California, February 2002.

"A Big Muddy River Runs Through It: People and Nature in the Lower Mississippi Valley," Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee, April 17, 2000.

"How To Prepare Buffalo, and Other Things French Taught Indians," Colonial Louisiana Tricentennial Symposium, Biloxi, Mississippi, March 1999.

"The Strange Career of Gideon Gibson: How a Southern Family Moved from Black to White," Dallas Area Social History Group, January, 1999.

"Between Field and Forest: The Ecology of the Slaves in the Lower Mississippi Valley," Southern Historical Association Annual Meeting, Birmingham, Alabama, November 1998

"Impenetrable but Easy: The French Transformation of the Lower Mississippi Valley," Randall L. Gibson Seminar on "Centuries of Change: Human Transformation of the Lower Mississippi," Tulane University, New Orleans, October 1998

"The Natural Worlds of Benjamin Wailes and His Slaves," invited speaker at the B.L.C. Wailes Lyceum, Vicksburg, Mississippi, October 1998

"Within the Slave Household: Domestic Violence among Slaves in Mississippi," American Historical Association Annual Meeting, New York, January 1997

"Creating a Southern Landscape: Ecology and Society in the Natchez District." Invited featured speaker at the Second Biennial Historic Natchez Conference, Natchez, February 1996.

"Paradox Lost in the Slave South: Masters, Slaves and the Articulation of Two Worlds." Interdisciplinary Colloquium on Labor and Society, University of Texas, Austin, October 1995.

"Venturing Across the Border of Slavery: Cross-Sectional Travelers and the Coming of the Civil War." American Historical Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, January 1995.

"Becoming Southern: The Evolution of Plantation Society in the Natchez District." Invited featured speaker at The First Biennial Historic Natchez Conference, January 1994.

"South by Southwest: Homesteading and Cotton Planting in the Natchez District, 1770-1820." Organization of American Historians Annual Meeting, Louisville, April 1991.

"From Kin-Based Neighborhood to County Community: Structures of Power and Authority in Antebellum Mississippi." Southern Historical Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, October 1987.

"Isolated Strangers or Integrated Southerners? White Immigrant Laborers in a Slave City: Vicksburg, Mississippi 1850-1860." Social Science History Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, October 1985.

OTHER CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

Commenter, "The American Coast: A Book Proposal by Jack Davis," History Workshop, University of Florida Department of History (Zoom), March 3, 2023.

Panel Chair and Comment, World History Association of Texas, TAMU-Commerce (Zoom) March 20, 2021.

Round Table Discussant on the cultural history of the Mississippi River flood of 1927, American Studies Association, Denver, 2016.

Round Table Discussant on "Southern Environmental History, State of the Field," Southern Historical Association, Little Rock, November 12-15, 2015.

Commenter, "Reading Texas History and Its Rivers," Texas State Historical Association Annual Meeting, Corpus Christi, March 5-7, 2015.

Panel Chair, Global Aquacultures, Second World Congress of Environmental History, Minho University, Guimarães, Portugal, July 2014.

Panel Chair, "The Machinations of Power: Hydroelectric Development and the Politics of Improvement in the Twentieth-Century U.S. South," American Society for Environmental History, Toronto, April 2013.

Panel Chair, "Bridging the Colonial Antebellum: Transforming Slavery and Race in the Early Republic Gulf South," Louisiana Historical Association, New Orleans, March 1-4, 2012.

Panel Commenter, "The Mighty Mississippi: Antebellum Labor, Race, and Relationships along the Great River," Southern Historical Association, Louisville, November 5-8, 2009.

Round Table Discussion on "Environmental Conversations Across the Disciplines," Hermanns Lectures, Department of English, UTA, October 16-17, 2009.

Panel Moderator and Commenter, "Transatlantic Exploration in the Era of Humboldt," Transatlantic History Student Organization, UTA, October 1, 2009.

Panel Commenter, "Not a Nation But an Empire: Another View of the American West," Society for Historians of the Early American Republic (SHEAR), Springfield, Illinois, July 17, 2009.

Panel Moderator and Commenter, Transatlantic History Student Organization, UTA, October 23, 2008.

Round Table Discussion of Spike Lee Film, "When the Levees Broke," UTA, February 4, 2008.

Panel Commenter, "Rivers in History," American Historical Association, Washington, D.C., January 3-6, 2008.

Discussion Moderator, "Imaging Environment: Maps, Models, and Metaphors," Stanford Humanities Center, Stanford University, November 9-10, 2006.

Round Table Participant, Midwestern Historical Conference, Stillwater, Oklahoma, September 2001.

Panel Chair, Southern Historical Association Annual Meeting, Ft. Worth, November, 1999

Panel Commentor, Omohundro Institute of Early American History and Culture, San Antonio, June 1999

Panel Commentor, Southern Historical Association Annual Meeting, Little Rock, November 1996

Panel Chair, Western Historical Association Annual Meeting, Denver, 1995

DISSERTATION COMMITTEES (14)

Ashley Umphenour, in progress, British History, reader
Title: Female Virtue in the Male Gaze: Representations of Female Breasts and Faces in English Portraiture and Satirical Prints, 1660-1830

Kevin Moskowitz, in progress, U.S. History, reader
Title: Detroit Muscle: Automobile Manufacturing and the Middle West, 1913-1959

Nika Davis, in progress, U.S. History, chair
Title: The Presidents and the Slaves

Lisa Gabbert, in progress, Transatlantic History, chair
Title: Weaving Empire: The Role of Wool, the Subjugated, the Enslaved, and the Convicted in Building the British Empire

John C. Harris, defended 2022, Transatlantic History, chair
Title: Adventurers and Autocrats: The Role of Authority in the Making of the English West Indies, 1595-1655

Gina Bennett, defended 2020, Transatlantic History, reader
Title: Imperial Women of Darien: Scottish Migration and Gender in the Atlantic World, 1650-1740

Tracey L. Clough, defended 2016, English, reader
Title: "The Rise and Proliferation of the Mythic American Western Hero"

Kristen Burton, defended 2015, Transatlantic History, chair
Title: "That Fiery Liquid: How Alcohol Became an Intoxicant in the Early Modern Atlantic World"

David Smith, defended 2015, Transatlantic History, Environmental History, chair
Title: Organic Farmers, German Vintners, and the Atomic Monster of Seabrook: A Trans-Atlantic History of Social Activism and Nuclear Power from New England to West Germany

Bradley Borougerdi, defended 2014, Transatlantic History, chair
Title: Cord of Empire, Exotic Intoxicant: Hemp and Culture In The Atlantic World, 1600-1900

Cameron Strang, defended 2013, American History, UT-Austin, reader
Title: Entangled Knowledge, Expanding Nation: Science and the United States Empire in the Southeast Borderlands, 1783-1842

David Wallace, defended 2013, American Literature, reader
Title: Mapping Men: Towards a Material Theory of Masculinity

Jefferson Dillman, defended 2011, Transatlantic History, reader
Title: From Paradise to Tropics: Landscape in the British West Indies to 1800

Julie Holcomb, defended 2010, Transatlantic History, reader
Title: 'There is Death in the Pot': Women, Consumption, and Free Produce in the Transatlantic World, 1791-1848

TEACHING

UNDERGRADUATE COURSES TAUGHT

UTA

ESST 2300, Intro to Environmental and Sustainability Studies
HIST 2301, The United States to 1865
HIST 2302, The United States 1865 to Present
HIST 3300, Introduction to Historical Research
HIST 3312, The New Nation, 1789 to 1848
HIST 3336, Environmental History of the U.S.
HIST 3342, Old South, to 1863
HIST 3343, New South, since 1863
HIST 3357, Early Frontier, 1539 to 1848
HIST 3372, Business and Economic History of the U.S., 1607-1865
HIST 4388, Topics, Environmental Disasters in History
HIST 4388, Topics, Rivers in US History
HONR 2611, 2612, Honors American Studies
HONR, Honors research colloquium

Other Universities:

Mississippi, America: The History of the Mississippi Valley (Stanford University, Winter Quarter, 2005)
Era of the Civil War and Reconstruction (Simon Fraser University, Canada, Fall 1991)
Transformation of American Culture, 1830 to 1900 (Simon Fraser University, Canada, Spring 1992)

GRADUATE COURSES TAUGHT

UTA

HIST 5301, Mississippi, America: The History of the United States from the Perspective of the Mississippi Valley, colloquium
HIST 5304, U.S. History Issues and Interpretations
HIST 5339, History Theory and Method
HIST 5361, Plants, Animals, Germs, 1750-2000
HIST 5363, U.S. Social and Cultural History
HIST 5365, Histories of Commodities
HIST 5390, Capitalism in the Anglo-American Atlantic World
HIST 6302, Comparative Trans-Atlantic Slavery, colloquium
HIST 6360, Comparative Trans-Atlantic Slavery, research seminar
HIST Environmental History of the U.S., colloquium
HIST Race, Gender and Class in the Nineteenth-Century U.S., research seminar
HIST The Old South, colloquium
HIST The "New Cultural History" of the United States

Other Universities

Transformation of American Culture, 1789-1914 (Simon Fraser University, Spring 1992)

SERVICE

DEPARTMENTAL

2022-2023	Search Committee, Visiting Assistant Professor of Geography
2022-2023	Tenure and Promotion (chair) Department Business Committee Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee
2021-2022	Tenure and Promotion (chair) Search Committee, East Asian Science and Technology (chair) Department Business Committee
2020-2021	Bylaws Committee (chair) Diversity, Equity, Inclusion Faculty Senate (elected)
2019-2020	Scholarship and Research Working Group (Coordinator): Bylaws, FDL Periodic Review of Department Chair (committee chair) Faculty Senate (elected)
2018-2019	Tenure and Promotion Faculty Senate (elected)
2017-2018	FDL, Research Enhancement and Nominations Graduate Committee Tenure and Promotion Faculty Senate (elected)
2016-2017	Scheduling Committee Post Tenure Review Faculty Senate (elected)
2015-2016	Graduate Committee Post Tenure Review Faculty Senate (elected)
2014-2015	Graduate Committee Scheduling Committee Tenure and Promotion
1992-2013	Curriculum Committee, 1992-1993, 2003-2004 Departmental Seminar, 1998-2002 Education Committee, 2005-2007 Executive Committee, 1993-1994 Executive Graduate Committee, 2011-2013 FDL, Research Enhancement and Nominations, 1992-1998, 1999-2001 (chair), 2003-2004 (chair), 2005-2012 (chair) Grievance Committee, 2008-2009

HIST 3300 Review Committee, 1999-2000
 History Graduate Student Union advisor, 1994-1996
 Library Committee, 1992-1995, 2007-2009 (chair), 2010
 Media, 2002-2004
 Mission Statement Committee, 2012 (chair)
 Ph.D. Review Committee, 2008-2010
 Phi Alpha Theta Student Honor Society, committee member 1994-2004, 2005-2006, faculty advisor 1996-2004, 2007 PAT Best Chapter Award, 2004, UTA Outstanding Student Organization Award, 2001
 Scheduling Committee, 2012-2013
 Search Committee for African American History, 1995-1996, 1997-1998
 Search Committee for One-year Position in U.S. History, Spring 1995
 Tenure and Promotion, 1994-1995, 1996-1998, 2005-2006 (chair), 2013-2015,
 Trans-Atlantic History Student Organization Committee, 2007-2008
 THSO Panel Moderator, 2008, 2009
 Webb Lectures Committee, 1992-1997, 2010-2012

COLLEGE

2022-2023	Tenure and Promotion (CCTP) Endowed Chair Review Committee
2021-2022	Tenure and Promotion (CCTP)
2019-2020	Endowed Chair Review Committee Faculty Senate College Budget Committee
2018-2019	Faculty Senate College Budget Committee
2013-2014	Committee to Review the Dean
1992-2013	College of Liberal Arts Challenge Grant Committee, June 2004 Liberal Arts Faculty Forum Steering Committee, 1995-1996 Research Enhancement Program and Faculty Development Leave Review Committee, 1999-2001 (chair), 2003-2005, 2006 to present College Committee on Tenure and Promotion, 1996-1998

UNIVERSITY

2022-2023	Search Committee (outside committee member), Department of Chemistry, Assistant Professor of Sustainable Chemistry.
2020-2021	Faculty Senate Faculty Senate Committee on Academic Freedom and Tenure, Chair Institute for Sustainability and Global Impact Advisory Board, Chair
2019-2020	Faculty Senate Faculty Senate Committee on Academic Freedom and Tenure Institute for Sustainability and Global Impact Advisory Board, Chair

2018-2019 Faculty Senate
Faculty Senate Committee on Academic and Student Liaison
Institute for Sustainability and Global Impact Advisory Board, Chair

2017-2018 Faculty Senate
Faculty Senate Committee on Special Projects
Institute for Sustainability and Global Impact Advisory Board, Chair

2016-2017 Faculty Senate
Faculty Senate Presidential Advisory Council
Institute for Sustainability and Global Impact Advisory Board, Chair

2015-2016 Faculty Senate
Faculty Senate Presidential Advisory Council
Institute for Sustainability and Global Impact Advisory Board, Chair
Judge, Annual Celebration of Excellence by Students (ACES)

1992-2015
Judge, Annual Celebration of Excellence by Students (ACES), 2010-2014
Community Service Learning Workshop, 2002, 2005
Curriculum, Research, and Community Engagement Working Group on
Sustainability, 2007 to present (Chair 2011-2015)
Environmental Society, Lecture, March 23, 2009
Faculty Development Leave proposal review committee, Spring 1998
Hermanns Lecture, Round Table Discussion participant, October 17, 2009
Honors College American Studies Review Committee, 2000-2001
Provost's Committee to Review the Dean of Liberal Arts, Spring 1998
Sustainability Director Search Committee, Fall 2009
Sustainability Teach-In Day, Panel Moderator, January 2009
Symposium on Undergraduate Research and Creative Activity, Judge, April 1997
Undergraduate Assembly, 2000-2002
University Centennial Time Capsule Committee, Spring 1996
University Sustainability Committee, 2007 to 2015

COMMUNITY

"Mapping the Great Lakes, from Discovery to Scientific Survey," Lake Forest and Lake Bluff Library Associations, Lake Forest, Illinois, August 13, 2021, on Zoom.

Friends of the Cabildo Lecture Series, June 8, 2021

Colorado Springs History Class, discussion of the history of the Mississippi River, via Skype, March 5, 2018.

"The Meaning of Restoration," Louisiana State of the Coast Conference, New Orleans, June 2016.

Historical Consultant and Researcher for Dallas Davis Cup, Fiftieth Anniversary Celebration, 2014-2015, Dallas Department of Parks and Recreation and Samuell Grand Tennis Center, on the integration of public tennis in Dallas, 1960s.

Earth Day Dallas, Fair Park, April 2014. Booth on Sustainability Research at UTA

Mapping the Mississippi for Science: Mapmakers as Hydrologists, from Delisle to Fisk," Texas Map Society, October 8, 2011.

FWISD, Sewell Lexus of Fort Worth Chair for Teaching Excellence in Humanities committee, Fall 2009

Twelve Hills Nature Center, Dallas, advisor and UTA Liaison, 2003-2004

AISD History Fair, served as host and judge for event organized by AISD history teachers, March 2003

Phi Alpha Theta History Honor Society Regional Conference, Panel Chair and Judge, Baylor University, April 2003

SMU, Seminar on slavery, for AP High School Teachers, June 2002

Dallas Area Social History Group, 1993-present, co-ordinator 1994-2002

Phi Alpha Theta History Honor Society Regional Conference, Panel Chair and Judge, TCU, April 1997

SMU, Clements Center Fellow

AISD, Bebensee Elementary School, Arlington, TX, Presentation on the U.S. Civil War to Fifth Graders, 1993

PROFESSIONAL

Editorial and Advisory Boards

The Southern Quarterly, Editorial Board, 2015 to present

Penn State University Press AnthroScene: The SLSA Book Series, Advisory Board, 2016 to present

Journal of the Civil War Era, Editorial Board, 2010 to 2015

Prize Committees (3)

Jack Temple Kirby Award for Agricultural or Environmental History (Chair), Southern Historical Association, 2019

Louis Gottschalk Prize for Outstanding Study on the Eighteenth Century, American Society for Eighteenth Century Studies (ASECS), 2013-2014

Journal of the Civil War Era, Best Article Prize Committee, 2011-2012

Southern Association for Women Historians, Willie Lee Rose Book Award Committee, 1999

Tenure and Promotion, External Reviews (2)

Colorado State University, Promotion to Full Professor, 2016

Carleton University, Tenure and Promotion Review, Ottawa, Canada, 2002

Professional Organizations, Committees (5)

Southern Historical Association, Membership Committee, 2001, 2009

Southern Historical Association, Program Committee, 2000-2001, 2016-2017

Southern Historical Association, Local Arrangements Committee, 1999

CONSULTING

TEXTBOOK CONSULTATION

Sage Press, textbook on history theory and method, 2005

Palgrave, college text on studying history and writing essays, 2004

Prentice-Hall's college survey text *Making a Nation*, 2000

Addison Wesley Longman, Editorial Board, Longman's American History atlas, published 1998

McGraw-Hill's college history text *Nation of Nations*

D.C. Heath's college-level U.S. history survey text, 1995

MANUSCRIPT REVIEWS, BOOKS

LSU Press (2002, 2003, 2006, 2007)

Mississippi University Press (2003)

Northern Illinois University Press (2008)

Oxford University Press (2003)

Texas Tech University Press (2021)

University of California Press (2010)

University of Georgia Press (2016)

University of New Mexico Press (2013)

University of North Carolina Press (2011)

University of Virginia Press, (1999, 2005)

University of Washington Press (2018)

MANUSCRIPT REVIEWS, JOURNALS

Agricultural History (2017, 2018)

Configurations (2016, 2019)
Environmental History (2004, 2014, 2020 (2))
Journal of American History (1996, 2000, 2002, 2017, 2019)
Journal of the Early Republic (2011, 2012, 2014)
Journal of Mississippi History (2005)
Journal of Southern History (1996, 2003, 2010, 2014, 2017, 2019, 2022)
Social Science Quarterly (1994)
Southern Quarterly (2018, 2019, 2021)
Southwestern Historical Quarterly (2009, 2010)
Water History (2014, 2020, 2021)

MUSEUM WORK

National Advisor, Catfish Row Museum, Vicksburg, Mississippi

"Mississippi 1500-1800," a permanent exhibit, Old Capitol Museum, Jackson, Mississippi. Author of "Jacques Rapalje's Notebook," a flip book text attached to a story bar in an exhibit entitled "Colonial Refugees."

MEDIA ENGAGEMENTS

The Pulse, WHYY Philadelphia, NPR, documentary on the Mississippi River, Sept. 29, 2017. <https://whyy.org/episodes/the-mighty-mississippi/>

On Point with Tom Ashbrook, WBUR Boston, NPR, interview on the history of pioneer settlement in the Mississippi Delta. July 14, 2016.
<https://www.wbur.org/onpoint/2016/07/14/trials-of-the-earth-memoir>

Fort Worth Star-Telegram interview on Hurricane Katrina and New Orleans ten years after. September 2, 2015.

Fort Worth Star-Telegram interview on schools named for Confederate generals. July 17, 2015. <http://www.star-telegram.com/news/local/community/fort-worth/article27529096.html>

Landscape Architecture Magazine interviewed for an article on my research into the concept of "disturbance" as used by engineers, ecologists, and others working on river control and floodplain restoration projects, April 15, 2014.

WKNO FM, Memphis, interview on "Counterpoint with Jonathan Judaken," broadcast May 9, 2013. <https://www.wknofm.org/post/interview-christopher-morris>

KDHX FM, St. Louis, interview on "Earthworms, with Jean Ponzi," May 13, 2013, <https://spinitron.com/KDHX/pl/5377317/Earthworms?sp=118418553>.

KTVT/CBS TV 11, Dallas-Fort Worth, interview on the earth's population, which reached 7 billion. October 31, 2011.

The Washington Post, interviewed for and quoted in a story on race relations, politics, and Hurricane Katrina in New Orleans, "Burdens of Past Limit New Orleans's Future," November 10, 2005.

Op-ed article on New Orleans, in *Newsday*, September 18, 2005 (daily circulation over 400,000).

Gainesville (Fla) Sun, quoted, in article New Orleans and Hurricane Katrina, September 11, 2005

Pacifica Radio, KPFA Berkeley/San Francisco affiliate, on "Against the Grain," interviewed about New Orleans and Hurricane Katrina, September 6, 2005

Richmond Times-Dispatch, interviewed for story on the legacy of slavery, July 27, 2005

Stockman Grass Farmer (Spring 2000)
Story on my research on buffalo herds and habitat in the lower Mississippi Valley pre-1700.

Star-Telegram, June 1999, worked with reporter on story on role of Catholic Church and the trans-Atlantic slave trade.

Star-Telegram, March? 1999, worked with reporter on history of ex-slave narratives.

Channel ? News, Hattiesburg, Mississippi, March 1999, on historical impact of French colonization on the natural environment of the Lower Mississippi Valley

Hattiesburg American, March 7, 1999, French Influence on the Gulf Coast

Channel 5 News at 11:00, April 1998, on history of Confederate Flag

Channel 11 News at 6:00, March 22, 1998, on hunting and violence in the South

Glen Mitchell Show, KERA, February 26, 1996, on *Becoming Southern*, and southern culture

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Society for Environmental History
Louisiana Historical Society
Southern Historical Association
Society for Literature, Science, and the Arts
Vicksburg and Warren County Historical Society (Life Member)