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EMPLOYMENT:

2015- *Assistant Director*, Charles Redd Center for Western Studies, Brigham Young University
2015- *Assistant Professor*, Department of History, Brigham Young University
2013-15 *Historian and Documentary Editor*, Joseph Smith Papers, LDS Church History Department
2011-13 *Visiting Assistant Professor*, Department of History, University of Nebraska at Kearney
2011-12 *Adjunct Instructor*, Nebraska Wesleyan University
2008-11 *Lecturer*, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
2003-07 *Research Assistant and Teaching Assistant*, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

EDUCATION:

2010 Ph.D. in History, University of Nebraska – Lincoln
2006 M.A. in History, University of Nebraska – Lincoln
2003 B.A. in History, Brigham Young University

RESEARCH AND SCHOLARSHIP

BOOKS:

- 2018 *Native but Foreign: Transnational Cree, Chippewa and Yaqui Refugees and Immigrants in the U.S.-Canadian and U.S.-Mexican Borderlands, 1880-present*. Connecting the Greater West Series, Sterling Evans, ed. College Station: Texas A&M Press, under contract.
- 2018 *American Indians and Mormons*. University of Utah Press. Co-editor, P. Jane Hafen.
- 2017 *The Joseph Smith Papers: Documents, Vol. 6: February 1838 – August 1839*. Salt Lake City: The Church Historian's Press, 2017. Co-editors, Mark Ashurst-McGee and David Grua.
- 2016 *The Joseph Smith Papers: Documents, Vol. 4: April 1834 – October 1835*. Salt Lake City: The Church Historian's Press, 2016. Co-editor, Matthew Godfrey.
- 2015 *Historical Dictionary of the American Frontier*. Lanham, Md.: Rowman and Littlefield, 2015. Co-author, Jay H. Buckley.

BOOK CHAPTERS, ANTHOLOGY CONTRIBUTIONS:

- 2011 "Cree Contraband or Contraband Crees: Early Montanan Experiences with Transnational Natives and the Formation of Lasting Prejudice, 1880-1885." In *Smugglers, Brothels, and Twine: Historical Perspectives on Contraband and Vice in North America's Borderlands*, Andrae Marak and Elaine Carey, eds., 24-43. Tucson: University of Arizona Press, 2011.
- 2011 "Genocide of Native Americans: Historical Facts and Historiographic Debates." In *Genocide of Indigenous Peoples*, Vol. 8 in *Genocide: A Critical Bibliographic Series*, Samuel Totten and Robert Hitchcock, eds., 15-36. New Brunswick, New Jersey: Transaction Publishers, 2011.
- 2008 "Nebraska and Kansas Territories in American Legal Culture: Territorial Statutory Context." In *The Nebraska-Kansas Act of 1854*, John R. Wunder and Joann E. Ross, eds, 47-66. Lincoln, Nebraska: University of Nebraska Press, 2008.

JOURNAL ARTICLES:

- 2010 “‘If a Passage Could be Found’: The Power of Myth (and Money) in North American Exploration.” *We Proceeded On* (May 2010): 8-17.
- 2009 “Pursuing *Wicozani* (the Good Way of Life): Functional Adaptations through Dakota Lifeways,” coauthors Matthew Garrett, Joseph M. White, Sr., Adam Galovan and Kathryn Akipa. *AlterNative: An International Journal of Indigenous Peoples* 5 (Fall 2009): 108-125.
- 2009 “The Transnational Immigrant-Refugee Experience of Mexican Yaquis and Canadian Chippewa-Crees in Arizona and Montana.” *Journal of the West* 48 (Summer 2009): 12-19.
- 2009 “The Sand Creek Phenomenon: The Complexity and Difficulty of Undertaking a Comparative Study of Genocide *vis-à-vis* the North American West.” *Genocide Studies and Prevention: An International Journal* 4:1 (Spring 2009): 9-27.
- 2004 “The Myth of an Easy Passage to the Far East.” *The Thetean* 32 (2004): 111-130.

BOOK REVIEWS:

- 2017 Food Control and Resistance, by Tamara Levi, *Journal of American History*, forthcoming.
- 2017 So Far and yet So Close: Frontier Cattle Ranching in Western Prairie Canada and the Northern Territory of Australia, by Warren M. Elofson. *Journal of the West*, forthcoming.
- 2017 Real Native Genius: How an Ex-Slave and a White Mormon Became Famous Indians, by Angela Pulley Hudson. *Native American and Indigenous Studies*, forthcoming.
- 2016 Territories of Empire: U.S. Writing from the Louisiana Purchase to Mexican Independence, by Andy Doolen, *Journal of American History* 103 (September 2016): 471-472.
- 2016 The Memory of Stone: Meditations on the Canyons of the West, by Erv Schroeder, Bill McKibben, Marcia Bjornerud, and Simon J. Ortiz, *Journal of the West* 55 (Summer 2016): 85.
- 2016 Native Diasporas: Indigenous Identities and Settler Colonialism in the Americas, edited by Gregory D. Smithers & Brooke N. Newman, *Journal of the West* 55 (Summer 2016): 85.
- 2016 From Treaty Peoples to Treaty Nation: A Road Map for All Canadians, by Greg Poelzer and Ken S. Coates, *Great Plains Research* 26 (Fall 2016): 141.
- 2016 Bootleggers and Borders: The Paradox of Prohibition on a Canada-U.S. Borderlands, by Stephen T. Moore, *Montana: The Magazine of Western History* 66 (Spring 2016): 77-78.
- 2016 The Mapmakers of New Zion: A Cartographic History of Mormonism, by Richard Francaviglia, *Journal of Arizona History* 57 (Spring 2016): 98-99.
- 2016 Colonial Genocide in Indigenous North America, edited by Andrew Woolford, Jeff Benvenuto, and Alexander Laban Hinton, *Ethnohistory*, 63 (Spring 2016): 415-416.
- 2016 Trout Culture: How Fly Fishing Forever Changed the Rocky Mountain West, by Jen Corrinne Brown, *Journal of the West* 55 (Winter 2016): 113-14.
- 2016 Showdown in the Big Quiet: Land, Myth, and Government in the American West, by John P. Bieter, Jr., *Journal of the West* 55 (Winter 2016): 113.
- 2015 Clearing the Plains: Disease, Politics of Starvation, and the Loss of Aboriginal Life, by James Daschuk. *Historical Geography* 43 (2015): 7-9.
- 2015 Theodore Roosevelt Digital Library, website review, *Western Historical Quarterly* 46 (Autumn 2015): 399-400.
- 2015 Framing Chief Leschi: Narratives and the Politics of Historical Justice, by Lisa Blee. *Journal of American History* 101 (March 2015): 1228-1229.

- 2014 Recognition, Sovereignty Struggles, and Indigenous Rights in the United States: A Sourcebook, edited by Amy E Den Ouden and Jean M. O'Brien. *Journal of the West* 53 (Spring 2014): 84.
- 2014 Mapping Wonderlands: Illustrated Cartography of Arizona, 1912-1962, by Dori Griffin. *Journal of the West* 53 (Winter 2014): 95.
- 2014 Warrior Nations: The United States and Indian Peoples, by Roger L. Nichols. *The Journal of Arizona History* 55 (Winter 2014): 507-508.
- 2014 Blackfoot Redemption: A Blood Indian's Story of Murder, Confinement, and Imperfect Justice, by William Farr. *Ethnohistory* 61 (Spring 2014): 370-372.
- 2014 At the Border of Empires, by Andrae M. Marak and Laura Tuennerman. *The Catholic Historical Review* 100 (Spring 2014): 383-384.
- 2014 Comparative Indigenities of the Américas: Toward a Hemispheric Approach, edited by M. Bianet Castellanos, Lourdes Gutiérrez Nájera, and Arturo J. Aldama. *American Indian Quarterly* 38 (Spring 2014): 277-280.
- 2013 Kearny's March: The Epic Creation of the American West, 1846-1847, by Winston Groom. *Military History of the West* 42 (2013): 41-42.
- 2013 Pacific Connections: The Making of the U.S.-Canadian Borderlands, by Kornel Chang. *Journal of American Ethnic History* 33, no. 1 (Fall 2013): 94-95.
- 2013 Murder State: California's Native American Genocide, 1846-1873, by Brendan C. Lindsay. *Western Historical Quarterly* 44 (Autumn 2013): 339.
- 2013 The Invasion of Indian Country in the Twentieth Century: American Capitalism and Tribal Natural Resources, *Second Edition*, by Donald L. Fixico. *New Mexico Historical Review* 88 (Spring 2013): 236-237.
- 2013 Migrants and Migration in Modern North America: Cross-Border Lives, Labor Markets, and Politics, edited by Dirk Hoerder and Nora Faires. *Canadian Journal of History / Annales Canadiennes d'Histoire* 47 (Spring 2013): 676-679.
- 2012 Storied Landscapes: Ethno-Religious Identity and the Canadian Prairies, by Frances Swyripa. *Journal of the West* 50 (Fall 2011): 83-84.
- 2012 Troubled Trails: The Meeker Affair and the Expulsion of Utes from Colorado, by Robert Silbernagel. *Montana: The Magazine of Western History* (Spring 2012): 81-82.
- 2010 Undermining Race: Ethnic Identities in Arizona Copper Camps, 1880-1920, by Phylis Cancilla Martinelli. *Journal of the West* 49 (Fall 2010): 88.
- 2010 A Gift of Angels: The Art of Mission San Xavier del Bac, by Bernard L. Fontana. *Journal of the West* 49 (Fall 2010): 85.

BLOG CONTRIBUTIONS

- 2013- Blog owner and author @ <http://www.bwrensink.org>. Topics cover U.S. West, Modern West, Borderlands, and Indigenous History.
- 2012- Blog contributor @ <http://www.borderlandshistory.org>. See <http://borderlandshistory.org/author/bwrensink/>

NON-REFEREED PUBLICATIONS:

- 2012 WHA Past Presidents Biographies for John R. Wunder and T.A. Larson. *Western History Association*. Available at <http://www.westernhistoryassociation.wildapricot.org/archives>

- 2008 “Addendum: Chippewa Cree Research Archives at Rocky Boy School.” In Ed Stamper, Helen Windy Boy and Ken Morsette, Jr., eds, *The History of the Chippewa Cree of Rocky Boy’s Indian Reservation*, 223-234. Box Elder, Montana: Stone Child College Press, 2008.
- 2008 Historical Biographies of the *Cherry County Independent* (Valentine, NE), *Valentine Democrat* (NE), *Western News-Democrat* (Valentine, NE), *Norfolk Weekly News and News-Journal* (NE), *Custer County Republican* (Broken Bow, NE), *McCook Tribune and Weekly-Tribune* (NE), *Omaha Daily Bee* (NE), and *Falls City Tribune* (NE). Nebraska Newspapers: Digitizing Nebraska’s History site. Available at <http://nebnewspapers.unl.edu/>.
- 2008 “The Omaha Daily Bee.” *JNews, University of Nebraska-Lincoln College of Journalism and Mass Communications Alumni Magazine* (Summer 2008): 20-21.

CONFERENCE AND SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS:

- 2017 “Comparing Borders and Indigenous Peoples: What the U.S.-Canadian and U.S.-Mexican Borderlands Teach Us about One Another.” Western History Association 57th Annual Conference, November 2017, San Diego, CA.
- 2017 “Falling Through Transnational Cracks: Lost Indigenous Biographies in the U.S.-Canadian Borderlands.” Native American and Indigenous Studies Association Conference, June 2017, Vancouver, BC.
- 2016 “*The Paradox of Border, Boundaries, and Frontiers: How the Edges of Empire Can Encourage and Obstruct Mobility.*” Ethnohistory Annual Conference, November 2016, Nashville, TN.
- 2016 “*The Role, Relevance, and Future of Regional Studies Centers in a Global Environment.*” Western History Association 56th Annual Conference, October 2016, St. Paul, MN.
- 2016 “*To Conform to Fundamental Purpose: The National Parks and the American West, a Lightning Panel.*” Western History Association 56th Annual Conference, October 2016, St. Paul, MN.
- 2015 “*Howard Egan’s Place in Western History.*” Symposium on the Life and Time of Howard Egan, Salt Lake City, UT, June 2015.
- 2014 “*Publishing as Public History.*” Roundtable with Steven Danver, David Rich Lewis, Jeff Nichols, Paul Reeve, and Holly George. Western Lands, Western Voices: The American West Center at Fifty Symposium, University of Utah, September 2014.
- 2012 “*The Indigenous Immigrant: Comparing Native Canadian and Mexican Immigration to the U.S. Borderlands.*” Newberry Seminar in Borderlands and Latino Studies. Center for American History and Culture Programs, Newberry Library, December 2012. Chicago, IL.
- 2010 “*Receiving “Canadian” versus “Mexican” Indian Migrants and Refugees in Montana and Arizona: Perceived Ethnicity and Native Labor in the U.S. Borderlands.*” Western History Association 50th Annual Conference, October 2010. Incline Village, NV.
- 2009 “*Transborder Indigenous Migration and Refugee Experiences.*” Roundtable Panel title: “Both Borders: A Roundtable on Researching and Writing on the West’s Mexican and Canadian Borderlands,” chaired by Dr. Ben Johnson. Western History Association 49th Annual Conference, October 2009. Denver, CO.
- 2009 “*‘I Never Was Tired of a Tribe as I am of This One’: Montanan Efforts to Deport Foreign Indians, 1880-1916.*” Northern Great Plains History Conference, October 2009. St. Cloud, MN.
- 2009 “*Creating Illegals out of Natives: U.S., Mexican and Canadian Borderlands and the Politics of Indigenous Migration.*” The James A. Rawley Conference in the Humanities, March 2009. Lincoln, NE.
- 2008 “*Mexican Borderlands, Indigenous Ethnogenesis and Community Identity, 1500-Present.*” The James A. Rawley Conference in the Humanities, April 2008. Lincoln, NE.
- 2008 “*Yaqui and Rocky Boy Cree Refugees in Arizona and Montana: Borderland Peripheries and the Formation of Federal Borderlands Indian Policy.*” Missouri Valley History Conference, March 2008. Omaha, NE.

- 2007 “*Justifying Autonomy through Regional Distinction: Identity Construction and Rhetorical Fallacy in Separatist Transnistria and the Republic of Moldova.*” The James A. Rawley Conference in the Humanities, April 2007. Lincoln, NE.

CONFERENCE SERVICE:

- 2016 “Engaging with Empire: Mapping Cosmopolitan Lives and Visions.” Panel Chair. Ethnohistory Annual Conference, November 2016, Nashville, TN.
- 2015 “*Bridging the Divide: Race, Violence, and Memory in the U.S.-Mexico Borderlands.*” Panel Chair and Commenter, Western History Association 55th Annual Conference, October 2015, Portland, OR.
- 2014 “*Indigenous Genocide Studies in the West and the World.*” Roundtable organizer and chair, Western History Association 54th Annual Conference, October 2014, Newport Beach, CA.
- 2014 “*Disrupting and Considering New Directions for Indigenous Mormon and Mormon-Indigenous Studies.*” Roundtable/Panel organizer and chair. Mormon History Association Conference. June 2014. San Antonio, TX.
- 2014 “*New Directions in Indigenous Mormon and Mormon-Indigenous Studies.*” Roundtable/Panel organizer and chair. Native American and Indigenous Studies Association Conference, May 2014. Austin, TX.
- 2012 “*Indigenous-Defined Borderlands, Boundaries and Landscapes: A Two-Session Panel and Roundtable.*” Panel and Roundtable organizer and chair, Western History Association 52nd Annual Conference, October 2012. Denver, CO.
- 2012 “*The Shifting Composition of the Great Plains.*” Panel Chair and commenter. The James A. Rawley Conference in the Humanities, March 2012. Homestead National Monument, Beatrice, NE.
- 2012 “*Future Directions in Western History: a Roundtable Discussion with Sarah Carter, Elliott West and John Wunder.*” Roundtable Chair and Moderator. The James A. Rawley Conference in the Humanities, March 2012. Homestead National Monument, Beatrice, NE.
- 2012 “*America: 1770-1945.*” Panel Chair. Missouri Valley History Conference, March 2012. Omaha, NE.
- 2010 “*Transnational Natives in International Landscapes: Comparing Indigenous Migrations, Federal Policies and International Boundaries across the Borderlands of Canada, Mexico and the United States.*” Panel Organizer, Western History Association 50th Annual Conference, October 2010. Incline Village, NV.
- 2008 “*A Community of Consumption: Food and Music in the Twentieth Century.*” Panel Chair and Commenter. The James A. Rawley Conference in the Humanities, April 2008. Lincoln, NE.

ACADEMIC SEMINAR PARTICIPATION:

- 2013 “Plains Metis as Tribe?: Geography, Economy, and Society in the 19th Century.” Workshop, University of Ottawa, March 2013. Ottawa, Ontario.
- 2011 Triennial Charles Redd Seminar on Immigration in the Far West, Brigham Young University, August 2011. Provo, UT.

PUBLIC LECTURES AND PRESENTATIONS:

- 2011 “*The ‘Other’ West: Minority Experience in the 19th Century West,*” “*Probing the Progressive Age,*” and “*American Expansion and Imperialism.*” Consultant, Guest Speaker, Summer 2011 History Alive Seminar, Nebraska Wesleyan University and Omaha Public Schools. Omaha, NE.
- 2010 “*Conceptualizing, Organizing and Writing a Comparative History.*” Guest Speaker, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, U.S. West Research Seminar (History 942), September 1, 2010.
- 2010 “Native Americans in Colonial America.” Guest Lecture, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Colonial America (History 334/894), January 28, 2010.

TEACHING, ADVISING AND CAMPUS SERVICE

TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

Undergraduate Surveys

American History to 1877
American History since 1877
American Civilization

Upper-Division Surveys

U.S. West to 1900
U.S. West to the Present
Nebraska and the Great Plains
Plains Indian

Undergraduate Seminars

Senior Capstone Research/Writing Seminar

Graduate Seminars

Native American History to the Present
20th Century Native America (Online)
U.S. West to 1900 (Online)
20th Century U.S. West (Online)
American Historiography (Online)
Native American Women's History
Native American History to 1900 (Online)
North American Borderlands (Online)
Comparative Colonial / Indians and Empires

OTHER TEACHING AND RESEARCH INTERESTS:

19th and 20th Century U.S. Social History

Comparative Colonial History

Race and Ethnicity in America

U.S.-Mexican and U.S.-Canadian Borderlands

U.S. West in Global Comparison

Regional Native American Histories

Regional Western Histories

Comparative Methodology

Immigration and Labor History

The Gilded Age and Progressive Era

F.D.R., New Deal and the Great Depression

Environmental History

American Indian Environment/Natural Resources

Latin American History

Comparative Genocide Studies

Nazi Germany and the Holocaust

GRADUATE THESIS AND DISSERTATION COMMITTEE SERVICE:

- 2013 Robert Wilburn Brown Jr. "Unsurpassed Courage and Determination: Pender's Brigade from Richmond to Chancellorsville." M.A. Thesis, Department of History, University of Nebraska at Kearney.
- 2012 Shelley R. Frear. "The Genoa Indian School, A Mixed Legacy: 50 Years of Transformation, survival, and Hope in a United States Government Indian Boarding School on the Nebraska Plains." M.A. Thesis, Department of History, University of Nebraska at Kearney.
- 2012 Freda Bradley, "Evolutionary Response to Federal Programs in the Rural Mid-Ohio Valley of West Virginia: From Economic Collapse to Valuable Wartime Partner." M.A. Thesis, Department of History, University of Nebraska at Kearney.
- 2012 Kaylene Vieselmeyer, "Sacred Soil: The Influence of the Family Farm in Shaping America's Identity." M.A. Thesis, Department of History, University of Nebraska at Kearney.
- 2012 Amber Alexander, "Fighting the War from Home: The Impact of the Fairmont, Harvard, and Bruning Army Air Fields on Rural Nebraska Residents." M.A. Thesis, Department of History, University of Nebraska at Kearney.
- 2012 Brian Chmielewski, "James Wilson: The Forgotten Founding Father," M.A. Thesis, Department of History, University of Nebraska at Kearney.
- 2012 John Stratton, "Des Moines Ordinance Plant: Ankeny, Iowa, on the home Front During World War II." M.A. Thesis, Department of History, University of Nebraska at Kearney.

BYU CAMPUS SERVICE:

2016- Student Awards Committee, History Department
 2015-16 Constitution Day Committee

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE, AWARDS, HONORS AND MISCELLANEA

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE:

2017- Mormon History Association Award Committee
 2015- Utah State History Day Judge
 2014 Phi Alpha Theta Wyoming Regional Conference Judge, University of Wyoming
 2013-14 Western History Association Annual Conference Program Committee Member
 2013-15 Michael P. Malone Award Committee Member, Western History Association
 2013- Associate Fellow, Center for Great Plains Studies, University of Nebraska
 2012-13 Fellow, Center for Great Plains Studies, University of Nebraska
 2008-09 President, UNL History Graduate Student Association.
 2006-08 Senator, Graduate Student Association, University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

SCHOLARLY MSS REFEREE, AND GRANT, FELLOWSHIP AND EXTERNAL PROGRAM REVIEWS:

University of Ottawa, Faculty of Arts	<i>Journal of American History</i> , Organization of American Historians
<i>International Indigenous Policy Journal</i>	
<i>Western Historical Quarterly</i>	Routledge Press, Taylor and Francis Group
Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada	<i>Undergraduate Research Journal</i> , University of Nebraska at Kearney
Rowman & Littlefield Publishers	<i>Folklore: Journal of The Folklore Society</i>
Wadsworth / Cengage Learning, Higher Education	Oxford University Press
Flat World Knowledge	

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS AND ASSISTANTSHIPS:

2009-10 Addison Sheldon Fellowship, UNL Department of History.
 2008 Grant-in-Aid Research Fellowship, Center for Great Plains Studies.
 2008 Barnes Fund Research Travel Grant, UNL Department of History.
 2008 Graduate Studies Research Fellowship, UNL College of Graduate Studies.
 2006-07 Research Assistantship, UNL Bureau for Sociological Research
 2005-06 Teaching Assistantship, UNL Department of History.
 2005 Fellow, Colonial Williamsburg Summer Teacher Institute.
 2004-05 Research Assistantship, UNL College of Education

- 2004 Research Assistantship, UNL Department of History
2004-10 Graduate Nonresident Fellowship, UNL College of Graduate Studies.

AWARDS AND HONORS:

- 2009 *Walter Rundell Graduate Student Award*, Western History Association.
2009 *Best Graduate Student Paper Prize*, Northern Great Plains History Conference.
2009 *University Libraries Influence Award*, University of Nebraska-Lincoln Libraries.
2008 *Certificate of Recognition for Contributions to Students*, UNL Teaching Council and Parents Association.

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS:

- Western History Association
Native American and Indigenous Studies Association
Mormon History Association

LANGUAGE SKILLS:

- Romanian: Full proficiency for Reading, Writing and Speech
Spanish: Standard proficiency for Reading and Document Translation

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