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EDUCATION

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY, New York City, New York
Doctor of Philosophy, History, February 1997
"Distinguished Dissertation, 1997," Columbia University"
Advisor: Herbert S. Klein

Master of Arts, History, May 1992

Emphasis: Colonial Latin America, Brazil, Environmental History
Minor: Colonial U.S.

BRIGHAM YOUNG UNIVERSITY, Provo, Utah
Bachelor of Arts, History, May 1990

EXPERIENCE

BRIGHAM YOUNG UNIVERSITY
Associate Dean, College of Family Home and Social Sciences, 2012-2015
Department Chair, History Department, 2007-2010
Associate Chair, History Department, 2003-2005
Associate Professor, 2003-
Undergraduate Coordinator, 2002-2003.
Assistant Professor, 1997-2003

MESA STATE COLLEGE, Grand Junction, CO
Substitute Lecturer, Fall 1996

DREW UNIVERSITY, Madison, NJ
Adjunct Lecturer, Spring 1994

CURRENT RESEARCH

Books

Bridges and Walls at the Borders: The Long History of an Unfinished Pan-American Highway

"The Street is Ours": The Nature of Community, the Car, and Public Space in Rio de Janeiro

PUBLICATIONS

Books

An Environmental History of Latin America. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2007.

Awarded the 2008 Melville Book Prize for the best book on environmental history by the Conference on Latin American History, the Latin American affiliate of the American Historical Association.

In Korean: Title 오래된 신세계 다음 단계의 문명을 위하여 [Olaedoen sinsegye da-eum dangyeui munmyeong-eul wihayeo; The Old New World: American Civilization's Next Stage] Publisher: 너머북스 [Neomeobugseu],

2013.

Fruitless Trees: Portuguese Conservation and Brazil's Colonial Timber.
Stanford: Stanford University Press, 2000.

Fruitless Trees will be published in Portuguese as *Árvores sem frutas: conservação Portuguesa e a madeira Brasileira colonial.* São Paulo: Editora da Universidade do Sagrado Coração.

Articles/Chapters

“The Passage of Space: The Changing “Nature” of Rio de Janeiro’s Streets in the Context of Automobiliation,” *Zeithistorische Forschungen*, (forthcoming).

“Minding the Gap: Pan-Americanism’s Highway, American Environmentalism, and Remembering the Failure to Close the Darién Gap,” *Environmental History* 19, no. 2 (2014): 189-216.

“Latin America in Global Environmental History.” in *A Companion to Global Environmental History*, edited by J. R. McNeill, 116-31. Oxford: Blackwell Wiley Publishers, 2012.

“Turning the Order of Nature on its Head: The Tropical American Origins of Modern Global Agriculture.” *Macalester International* 26 (Spring 2010): 73-93.

“Stilt-root Subsistence: Colonial Mangrove Conservation and Brazil's Free Poor.” *Hispanic American Historical Review* 83:2 (May 2003): 223-53.

“O ensaio econômico e político sobre o Pará: uma crítica anônima.” *Revista do Instituto Histórico e Geográfico Brasileiro* 162, (January-March, 2001): 259-95.

“Merchant Shipbuilding in Late-Colonial Brazil: The Evidence for a Substantial Private Industry.” *Colonial Latin American Historical Review* 9 (Winter 2000): 101-35.

“Fuelwood in Colonial Brazil: The Economic Consequences of Fuel Depletion for the Bahian Reconcavo, 1549-1820.” In *Agriculture, Resource Exploitation, and Environmental Change*. Edited by Helen Wheatley, 135-59. Aldershot, Hampshire, Great Britain: Variorum, 1997.

“Manoel Ayres de Casal. *Corografia brasileira, ou Relação histórico-geográfica do reino do Brazil*, (Rio de Janeiro: Imprensa Régia, 1817).” In *I Found It at the JCB: Scholars and Sources*, 132-33. Providence, RI: The John Carter Brown Library, 1996.

“A madeira combustível na Bahia colonial: consequências sociais e econômicas da escassez de combustível, 1549-1820.” *Estudos Econômicos* [Universidade de Sao Paulo] 25 (January-April 1995): 115-45.

“Fuelwood in Colonial Brazil: the Economic and Social Consequences of Fuel Depletion for the Bahian Recôncavo, 1549-1820.” *Forest & Conservation History* 38 (October 1994): 181-92.

Book Reviews

Featured review of Stuart B. Schwartz, *Sea of Storms: A History of Hurricanes in the Greater Caribbean from Columbus to Katrina* (Princeton, N.J.: Princeton University Press. 2015), in *The American Historical Review* 121

(2), (April 2016): 532-34.

Review of Martha Few & Zeb Tortorici, eds., *Centering Animals in Latin American History* (Durham: Duke University Press, 2013), in *The American Historical Review* 119 (2014): 1312–1314.

Review of Nicholas A. Robins, *Mercury, Mining, and Empire: The Human and Ecological Cost of Colonial Silver Mining in the Andes* (Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 2011), in *The American Historical Review* 117: (2012): 1639-1640.

“Flying the Yellow Jack: Microbes in Defense of America.” A titled, extended review of J. R. McNeill, *Mosquito Empires: Ecology and War in the Greater Caribbean, 1620-1914* (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2010), in *Reviews in American History* 40 (March 2012): 1-5.

Review of Thomas D. Rogers, *The Deepest Wounds: A Labor and Environmental History of Sugar in Northeastern Brazil* (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2010), in *Journal of Interdisciplinary History* 42 (Winter 2012): 489-91.

Review of Reinaldo Funes Monzote, *From Rainforest to Cane Field in Cuba: An Environmental History since 1492* (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2008), in *Colonial Latin American Review*, 18 (1) (March 2009): 142-43.

Review of Kenneth Maxwell, *Conflicts and Conspiracies: Brazil and Portugal, 1750-1808* (New York: Routledge, 2004), in *The Historian* 68 (Spring 2006), 152-53.

Review of E. N. Anderson and Felix Medina Tzuc, *Animals and the Maya in Southeast Mexico* (Tucson, AZ: University of Arizona Press, 2005), in *Ethnohistory* 53 (Fall 2006), 784-85.

Review of Hugh Raffles, *In Amazonia: A Natural History* (Princeton, N.J.: Princeton University Press, 2002), in *Environmental History* 8 (October 2003), 685-86.

Reference

“Rubber.” In *The World History Encyclopedia*. Edited by Alfred J. Andrea. Oxford: ABC-Clio, 2008.

“Vulcanization,” in *The Encyclopedia of the History of Science*, forthcoming.

“Dyes and Dyewoods;” Engenhos [Sugar Mills]; “Environment and Conservation;” “Rubber;” “Ships and Shipbuilding;” all in *Iberia and the Americas: Culture, Politics, and History*. 3 Vols. Edited by J. Michael Francis. Oxford: ABC-Clio, 2005.

Other

Shawn Miller, “Queen of Mountain Biking: The Tabeguache Trail,” *Colorado Mountain West* (March-April 1997).

Shawn Miller, “Environmental History: the Passage of Space,” *History Department Newsletter* (Brigham Young University), Spring 2015.

Shawn Miller, “Preserve our Remaining Farmland,” *Daily Herald* (Provo, Utah), March 13, 2015.

PAPERS

Conference Papers

- “The Congested Common: Brazil’s Military and the Contest for the Utilities of Rio de Janeiro’s Streets, 1964-1974,” 7 January 2017, Denver, CO. American Historical Association Conference.
- “Asphalt Landscaping: The ‘Nature’ of Urban Space in Rio de Janeiro through the Automotive Transition, 1870-1930.” Paper presented at “Manufacturing Landscapes—Nature and Technology in Environmental History,” at, Renmin University, Beijing, China, May 28-31, 2015. Sponsored by the Rachel Carson Center, Munich.
- “The Street’s Last Hurrah: Competing Motives and Contesting Spaces on Rio de Janeiro’s Avenida Central, 1903-1920.” April 4, 2013, Toronto, Conference of the American Society for Environmental History. Panel “Between the Park and the Shantytown: Latin American Cities and the Environment during the Twentieth Century.”
- “Spaces in Time: Rio de Janeiro’s *Logradouros* and the Meanings of Public Spaces before the Automotive Age.” Paper presented at “Rethinking Brazilian History,” a Conference in Honor of Boris Fausto, May, 21, 2010, Stanford University.
- “Leaps of Faith across the Continental Gap: Ecological Causes for the Failure to Complete the Pan-American Highway.” 8 January 2010, San Diego. American Historical Association Conference. Panel Organizer: “Coastal Fisheries, Island Cities, and Continental Boundaries: Pan-American Dreams and Environmental Realities in Latin America”.
- “Cuffing the Invisible Hand: Mercantilism and Monopoly as a Distinct, Conservationist Resource-Use Mode in Colonial Latin America.” 5 August 2009, Copenhagen, World Congress of Environmental History [joint meeting of the American Society for Environmental History and the European Society for Environmental History]
- “Stilt-root Subsistence and Grass Roots Conservation: Brazil’s Mangrove Forests, 1550-1850.” 16 March 2000, Tacoma, Washington. Conference of the American Society for Environmental History.
- “To Build, or Not to Build: The Suitability of Constructing Ocean-going vessels in Brazil for the Portuguese Marine,” 28 May 1998, Lisbon, Portugal. “Discovery, New Frontiers, and Expansion in the Luso-Iberian World,” hosted by the Mediterranean Studies Association.
- “Tropical Brazilian Timber and the Portuguese Seaborne Empire, 1600-1800.” 15 May 1998, Charleston, South Carolina. “The Evolution of the Portuguese Atlantic: Quincentenary Reflections, 1498-1998,” hosted and expenses paid by the College of Charleston's Program in the Carolina Low Country and the Atlantic World.

Invited Talks

- Brigham Young University: “Putting the Car in Carnival: Early Impacts of the Car on Rio de Janeiro’s Street,” Jan. 29, 2014, Provo, UT. Presented in the series “Brasil Beneath the Surface,” for the Department of Spanish and Portuguese.
- Columbia University: “A Destiny So Manifest: Pan-Americanism, American Environmentalism, and the Failure to Pave the Darien Gap,” 28 November, 2011, New York, NY. Presented in honor of Professor Herbert S. Klein.
- Rice University: “Community on Cobblestone: Rio de Janeiro’s Streets as

Public Space before the Automotive Age.” 26 January 2011, Houston, Texas. Invited lecture to College of Humanities faculty and students.

Macalester College: “‘Turning the Order of Nature on its Head:’ The Tropical American Origins of Modern Global Agriculture.” 9 October 2009, Saint Paul, MN. “Global Environment: The Eleventh Hour?” Macalester College 16th International Roundtable.

Stanford University: “Natural Monopolies: Brazilwood, Whales, and Diamonds and the Unintended Conservationism of Royal Greed in Colonial Brazil.” 23 October 2007, Stanford University. Invited talk given to the Stanford University Department of History and Bolívar House for Latin American Studies.

University of Utah: “Brazil's Mangroves and Colonial Peasants: Pushing Back the Origins and Reconsidering the Motives of New World Conservation.” 7 November 2007, University of Utah. Invited talk given for the Environmental History of Latin America Lecture, sponsored by the Latin American Studies Program, the History Department, the Tanner Humanities Center, and the Environmental Humanities Program.

Brigham Young University, Department of Biology: “History Meets Ecology: Human Dependence on Swamplands in Colonial Rio de Janeiro.” 2 November 2007.

Brigham Young University, Rey L. Pratt Center for Latin American Studies: “Mangroves as Sources of Subsistence and Ecological Conflict in Colonial Brazil.” 14 September, 2000. Brigham Young University.

TEACHING

Courses Taught

History 200—The Historian's Craft
History 202—World Civilizations since 1500
History 251—Conquest and Colonization of Latin America
History 252—Modern Latin America
History 290—Nature and History: The Earth's Environmental Past
History 356—History of Brazil
History 390R—The City in Brazil: An Urban History
History 490—Historical Research and Writing.

Course Written

Independent Study, History 202--World Civilizations since 1500; revised 2006.

Class Projects

“*Lloyd's Register* as a Statistical Source for late 18th and early 19th century Atlantic Shipping: an Electronic Database.” This is an ongoing, in-class, project with my History 200 sections. One article published.

Enhancement Seminars

Faculty General Education Academy on Teaching and Learning, 2001.

Seminar for Teaching Advanced Writing in the Disciplines, 27 Apr-1 May 1998, which focused on the role of writing as a learning tool critical to sound thinking.

Books Read

Wineburg, Sam. *Historical Thinking and Other Unnatural Acts: Charting the Future of Teaching the Past*. Temple University Press, 2001.

Leamson, Robert. *Thinking about Teaching and Learning: Developing Habits of Learning with First Year College and University Students*, 1999.

Palmer, Parker J. *The Courage to Teach: Exploring the Inner Landscape of a Teacher's Life*, 1998.

Adams, Henry. *The Education of Henry Adams*, 1918.

Theses Advised

Douglas Larsen, "Intervention, Mormons and the Orozco Revolution," Honors Thesis, Brigham Young University, Dept. of History, June 1999.

Dean Cecil Bahr, "[Brazil's Energy Policies, 20th c.], Honors Thesis, Brigham Young University, unfinished.

Workshop

"Teaching Environmental History." Presented at the University of Utah to the faculty of the Department of History, the Latin American Studies Program, and the Environmental Humanities Program.

CITIZENSHIP

Department

Faculty Student Mentoring Supervisor, 2016-

Chair, Rank & Status Committee, 2015-2016

Department Chair, 2007-2010

Rank and Status Committee, 2006-2007

Associate Chair, Department of History, 2003-2005

Undergraduate Coordinator, Department of History, 2002-2003

Policy Advisory and Curriculum Committee, 2000-2003

Chair, Campbell Fellowship Search Committee, 2000-2001

Campbell Fellowship Search Committee, 2001-02

Chair, Latin America Caucus, 2000-2002

Chair, Subcommittee for Teaching Assist. Reforms, 1999-2000

"Russell B. Swensen Lecture" Committee, 1999-2000

Latin America Search Committee, 1999-2000

Collegiality Committee, 1997-1999

College

Associate Dean, April 2012- July 2015

Chair, Marjorie Pay Hinckley Endowment Committee, 2012-2015

Chair, Board of Directors, New World Archaeological Foundation, 2012-2015

Board of Directors, Museum of Peoples and Cultures, 2012-2015

FHSS College Rank & Status Committee, 2010-2012

College Survey of Dean Performance Committee, 2012

Agent Chair, American Heritage Committee, 2008- 2010

Chair, Advisory Council to the Center for Family History & Genealogy, 2008-2010

Chair, College Committee for Faculty Awards and Recognition, 2002-2003

Committee for Faculty and Student Support, 2002-2003

FHSS College Computing Committee, 2002-2003

University/International Studies

BYU MRI Facility Executive Advisory Board, Feb 2013-2015

Advisory Committee, Madrid Study Abroad Program, Dec 2010-Jun 2014

Director, London Centre Study Abroad Program, Spring 2011

Director, Madrid Study Abroad Program, Winter 2007

Committee to Develop the Major in International Relations, 2002

Professional

Editorial Board, "Latin American Landscapes" book series. University of Arizona Press, 2010-present.

Chair, Elinor Melville Book Prize Committee, the Conference on Latin American History, 2009-2012 (chaired the last year)

External Department Program Reviewer, Department of History, Brigham Young University- Hawaii, November, 2010

Ad-hoc reviewer of book manuscripts for Cambridge University Press, Oxford University Press, University of New Mexico Press, Berghahn Books.

Ad-hoc reviewer for the journals *Environmental History*, *Environment & History*, *Agricultural History*, *Luso-Brazilian Review*, *Journal of Historical Geography*, and *History Compass*.

External Reviewer for various tenure and promotion candidacy files.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Commissioner, Provo City Agricultural Commission, 2016-present.

Member, Utah County Agricultural Toolbox Steering Committee for Farm Preservation, 2015-2016, organized by Envision Utah, Utah County.

Secretary, Utah Valley Earth Forum, 2014-present

Member, Community Connections Committee, Provo City Center Focus Initiative, 2009-2011

Presentation: "Saving Utah Valley's Farms: A Past and a Future," Caring for the Earth Series, Orem Public Library, October 19, 2016, Orem, UT. Also presented to the Provo Rotary Club, Nov. 17, 2016.

Presentation: "Preserving Provo's few Remaining Farms: Easements and other Strategies," Provo West Side Planning Committee, October 11, 2016, Provo, UT.

Lecture: "The Future of this Old House: Building Greener Homes—Past, Present, and Future," Provo Public Library, Utah Valley Earth Forum, April 20, 2016, Provo, UT.

Presenter and Panelist, "Provo Walkability Conference," Utah County Association of Realtors, The Mayor's Sustainability and Natural Resources Committee, Nov. 19, 2014, Provo, UT.

Lecture: "Un-walkability in our Cities: Historical Causes and Potential Solutions," Utah Valley Earth Forum, September 17, 2014, Provo, UT.

Lecture: "The Prospects for a Good Public Space on Provo's Center Street," Utah Valley Earth Forum, May 21, 2014, Provo, UT.

Lecture: "The Prospects for a Good Public Space on Provo's Center Street," Provo Rotary Club Inc., July 31, 2014, Provo, UT.

OTHER SERVICE ACTIVITIES

BYU Devotional Address, "They Shall Ask the Way to Zion," August 3, 2010.

New Student Orientation, "Enter to Learn," lecture

Lecture, Phi Alpha Theta induction, 1999

HONORS & AWARDS

Elinor Melville Memorial Book Prize for *An Environmental History of Latin America* (Cambridge, 2007), for best book on environmental history. Awarded by the Conference on Latin American History, affiliate of the American Historical Association.

Class of '49 Young Faculty Award, in recognition of meritorious service in teaching at Brigham Young University, 2006.

Dissertation of Distinction, Columbia University, 1997

Fellow of the Center for New World Comparative Studies, The John Carter Brown Library, 1995

Tinker Foundation Summer Field Research Fellow, 1993

President's Fellow, Columbia University, 1992-1993

Research Assistantship, Columbia University, 1992-1993

GRANTS & LEAVES

Professional Development Leave, College of Family Home and Social Sciences, Brigham Young University, Winter 2011. \$6,000.

Professional Development Leave, College of Family, Home and Social Sciences, Brigham Young University, Fall 2005.

Research Grants, College of Family, Home and Social Sciences, Brigham Young University, 1998, 2000, 2005.

David M. Kennedy Center for International and Area Studies, Research Grant, 2005.