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Education:

Ph.D., American History, University of Chicago, 1993  
M.A., American History, University of Chicago, 1986  
B.A., Brigham Young University, 1974

Employment:

Professor of History, Brigham Young University, 2009 to present  
Associate Professor, Brigham Young University, 2002-2009  
Assistant Professor, Brigham Young University, 1997-2002  
Assistant Professor, St. Cloud State University, 1993-1997

Honors and Awards:

Michael P. Malone Award, Western History Association, 2007 and Best Utah History Article Award, Utah State History, 2007 for "Branding Utah"  
Mayor's Award in the Humanities, Salt Lake County and Utah Humanities Council, 2006  
Mollie and Karl G. Butler Young Scholar Award in Western Studies, Charles Redd Center for Western Studies, BYU, 2003  
Visiting Fellowship, Institute for the Study of the American West, Autry Museum of Western Heritage, Los Angeles, California, May-June 2003  
Research Grant, College of Family, Home, and Social Sciences, BYU, 2001  
Camilla Eyring Kimball Endowment Award for Faculty Research, College of Family, Home, and Social Sciences, BYU, 1997-98  
Research Grant, College of Family, Home, and Social Sciences, BYU, 1997-98  
Faculty Research Grants, St. Cloud State University, 1994-95, 1995-96  
Q7 Multicultural Perspectives Award, St. Cloud State University, 1994-95  
Harry Barnard Dissertation Year Fellowship in American History, Univ. of Chicago, 1991-92  
Century Scholar (full tuition), University of Chicago, 1985-89

Books

*No Vacancy: The Rise and Fall of Motels in America*, under contract with University Press of Kansas.  
*Family Vacation*. Gibbs Smith Press, 2009.  
*Are We There Yet? The Golden Age of American Family Vacations*. University Press of Kansas, 2008.  
*Our Common Country: Family Farming, Culture, and Community in the Nineteenth-Century Midwest*. Indiana University Press, 2001.

### Articles and Book Chapters

- "Branding the Southwest for Tourists," 114-135 in *Branding the American West: Paintings and Films, 1900-1950*, eds. Marian Wardle and Sarah E. Boehme, University Press of Oklahoma, 2016.
- "Family Travel, National Parks, and the Cold War West" in *City Dreams, Country Schemes: Community and Identity in the Twentieth-Century American West*, ed. Kathleen A. Brosnan and Amy L. Scott (University of Nevada Press, 2011), 156-77.
- "Selling Sleep: The Rise and Fall of Utah's Historic Motels," in Brian Q. Cannon and Jessie Embry, eds. *Utah in the Twentieth Century* (Utah State University Press, 2009), 65-87.
- "As Seen on TV: How Kiddie Westerns Invented the Cowboy Hero and Modern Merchandising," *Convergence* (Autry National Center Magazine) Fall 2007, 16-23.
- "Conflict in the Countryside: Rural Communities in the 1840s Mormon War," *Illinois Heritage*, May-June 2007, 6-9.
- "Branding Utah: Industrial Tourism in the Postwar American West," *Western Historical Quarterly* 37 No. 4 (Winter 2006): 445-72.
- "Civilizing the Countryside: Class, Gender and Crime in Nineteenth Century Rural Illinois," *Agricultural History* 76 No. 1 (Winter 2002): 58-81.
- "Awful Calamities Now Upon Us": The Civil War in Fountain Green, Illinois," *Journal of the Illinois State Historical Society*, Vol. 93 No. 1 (Spring 2000): 9-42.
- "Conflict in the Countryside: The Mormon Settlement at Macedonia, Illinois," *Brigham Young University Studies* 32 (Winter and Spring 1992): 149-74.
- "Creating a Farm Community: Fountain Green Township, 1825-1840," *Western Illinois Regional Studies* 13 (Fall 1990): 5-20.
- "Being Born in Chicago," *Chicago History Magazine* 15 (Winter 1986-87): 4-21; reprinted in *A Wild Kind of Boldness: The Chicago History Reader*, ed. Rosemary K. Adams (Chicago Historical Society, 1998).
- "Patty Bartlett Sessions: More than a Midwife," in *Sister Saints*, ed. Vicky Burgess-Olson, (Brigham Young University Press, 1978), 303-22.

### Encyclopedia Articles

- "Nineteenth Century Americans" in *The American Midwest: An Interpretive Encyclopedia*, Richard Sisson, Christian Zacher, and Andrew Cayton, eds. (Indiana University Press, 2006), 190-93.
- "Family and Kinship," in *The American Midwest: An Interpretive Encyclopedia*, ed. Richard Sisson, Christian Zacher, and Andrew Cayton, (Indiana University Press, 2006), 1027-29.
- "Prairie Farmer," in *Encyclopedia of Chicago*, ed. James R. Grossman et al. (University of Chicago Press, 2004), 645.
- "Pastoralism and the Rural Ideal," *Encyclopedia of American Cultural and Intellectual History*, Peter W. Williams and Mary Kupiec Cayton, eds. (Charles Scribner's Sons, 2001), Vol. II, 453-461.
- "Mormons," *The Encyclopedia of the American Civil War*, David S. Heidler and Jeanne T. Heidler, eds. (ABC-CLIO, 2000), Vol. III, 1363-1364.

## Book Reviews

- A Faded Legacy: Amy Brown Lyman and Mormon Women's Activism, 1872-1959*, by Dave Hall. *Mormon Studies Review* 4 (2017): 143-45. (Published Nov. 2016)
- Manifest Destinations: Cities and Tourists in the Nineteenth-Century American West*, by J. Philip Gruen. *Western Historical Quarterly* (Autumn 2015): 388-89.
- The Holiday Makers: Magazines, Advertising, and Mass Tourism in Postwar America*, by Richard K. Popp. *Journal of American History* 100 No. 4 (2013): 1268.
- Working the Land: The Stories of Ranch and Farm Women in the Modern American West*, by Sandra K. Schackel. *Agricultural History* 87 No. 4 (Fall 2013): 544-45.
- Florida's Snowbirds: Spectacle, Mobility, and Community since 1945*, by Godefroy Desrosiers-Lauzon, *Journal of Tourism History* 1:2 (2013), 168-169.
- Remaking the Heartland: Middle America since the 1950s*, by Robert Wuthnow, *Journal of American History* (2012) 98 (4): 1195-96.
- The Birth of American Tourism: New York, the Hudson Valley, and America Culture, 1790-1830* by Richard H. Gassan, *Journal of Tourism History* 1: 2 (2009), 168-169
- At Home in the Hoosier Hills: Agriculture, Politics, and Religion in Southern Indiana, 1810-1870*, by Richard F. Nation, *Journal of American History* 93 (March 2007), 1231-2.
- Junius and Joseph: Presidential Politics and the Assassination of the First Mormon Prophet*, by Robert S. Wicks and Fred R. Foister, *BYU Studies* 45 no. 4 (2006): 162-164.
- Childhood on the Farm: Work, Play, and Coming of Age in the Midwest* by Pamela Riney Kehrberg, *Pacific Historical Review* 75 No. 4 (Nov. 2006), 683-4.
- Women of the Northern Plains: Gender and Settlement on the Homestead Frontier, 1870-1930*, by Barbara Handy-Marchello, *Minnesota History* 50 (Spring 2006), 40-41.
- Doing the Town: The Rise of Urban Tourism in the United States, 1850-1915* in *Origins* (Newsletter, Newberry Library), Vol. XVI, No. 2 (Spring 2003), 1.
- Sacred Places: A Comprehensive Guide to Early LDS Historical Sites, vol. 3, Ohio and Illinois*, by Keith W. Perkins and Donald Q. Cannon in *Journal of Mormon History* (Fall 2002): 190-191.
- Provincial Lives: Middle-Class Experience in the Antebellum Middle West*, by Timothy R. Mahoney in *Annals of Iowa*, 59 No. 4 (Fall 2000), 417-418.
- Main Street Blues: The Decline of Small-Town America*, by Richard Davies in *Pacific Historical Review* 69 No. 2 (May 2000): 324-25.
- Mormon Midwife: The 1846-1888 Diaries of Patty Bartlett Sessions*, edited by Donna Toland Smart and *Winter Quarters: The 1846-1848 Life Writings of Mary Haskin Parker Richards*, edited by Maurine Carr Ward in *Western Historical Quarterly* XXIX No. 4 (Winter 1998): 540-41.
- Ordinary Life, Festival Days: Aesthetics in the Midwestern County Fair*, by Leslie Prosterman in *Journal of Sport History* Vol 25 No. 2 (Summer 1998): 350-351.
- The Minds of the West: Ethnocultural Evolution in the Rural Middle West, 1830-1917*, by Jon Gjerde online review for H-Rural, January 7, 1998.
- What Trouble I Have Seen: A History of Violence against Wives*, by David Peterson Del Mar in *Journal of Family History*, Vol. 22 No. 3 (July 1997): 354-55.
- "And Prairie Dogs Weren't Kosher": *Jewish Women in the Upper Midwest Since 1855*, by Linda Mack Schloff in *Feminist Collections*, Vol. 18 No. 4 (1997): 3-4.
- "Transformations Great and Small," review essay of *Transforming Rural Life: Dairying Families and Agricultural Change, 1820-1885*, by Sally McMurry; *Preserving the*

- Family Farm: Women, Community, and the Foundations of Agribusiness in the Midwest, 1900-1940*, by Mary Neth; *The Transformation of Rural Life: Southern Illinois, 1890-1990*, by Jane Adams in *Annals of Iowa* 55, No. 1 (Winter 1996): 46-54.
- Making the Corn Belt: A Geographical History of Middle-Western Agriculture*, by John C. Hudson, in *Technology and Culture* (January 1996): 362-63.
- Preserving the Family Farm: Women, Community, and the Foundations of Agribusiness in the Midwest, 1900-1940*, by Mary Neth in *Minnesota History* 54/7 (Fall 1995): 324.
- Eggs in the Coffee, Sheep in the Corn: My 17 Years as a Farmwife*, by Marjorie Myers Douglas in *WHOM Newsletter* 23, No. 3 (July 1995): 5-6.
- "All Will Yet Be Well": *The Diary of Sarah Gillespie Huftalen, 1873-1951*, by Suzanne L. Bunkers in *Western Historical Quarterly* 26 No. 2 (Summer 1995): 231-32.
- A Prairie Populist: The Memoirs of Luna Kellie*, ed. Jane Taylor Nelson in *Great Plains Quarterly* 14 No. 4 (Fall 1994): 302-303.
- Isaac Sorensen's History of Mendon [Utah]: A Pioneer Chronicle of a Mormon Settlement*, ed. Doran J. Baker, Charles S. Peterson, Gene A. Ware in *Journal of Mormon History* 20 No. 2 (Fall 1994): 183-186.
- The Agrarian Origins of American Capitalism*, by Allan Kulikoff in *Origins* (Newsletter of the Scholl Center for Family and Community History, Newberry Library) Vol. X Nos. 2 & 3 (Spring/Summer 1994): 11-12.
- Life at Four Corners: Religion, Gender, and Education in a German-Lutheran Community, 1868-1945*, by Carol K. Coburn in *Great Plains Research* 4 (February 1994): 164-164.
- Between Memory and Reality: Family and Community in Rural Wisconsin, 1870-1970*, by Jane Marie Pederson in *Agricultural History* 67 No. 4 (Fall 1993): 93-94.
- Sunbonnet Sisters: True Stories of Mormon Women and Frontier Life*, by Leonard J. Arrington and Susan Arrington Madsen, in *Dialogue: A Journal of Mormon Thought* 18 (Summer 1985): 191-92.

#### Scholarly Presentations:

- "The Calling with No Name: The Mission President's Wife in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century," at "Beyond Biography," Church History Symposium, BYU Continuing Education, March 4, 2016.
- "Indian Detours: Images of Taos Pueblo and Tourism in New Mexico," Agricultural History Association Meetings, Provo, Utah, June 2014
- "Mormon Motel Men," Mormon History Association Meetings, San Antonio, June 2014.
- "Tourism and the Taos School of Painters," Scholars Conference, BYU Museum of Art, May 2014.
- "Utah Motel Men: Empire Builders of the Modern West," Utah State History Conference, Salt Lake City, Sept. 9, 2013.
- "Family Farm Redux," Agricultural History Society Meeting, Springfield, Illinois, June 16, 2011.
- "From Peculiar People to Big Love: Mormonism and the Making of Utah as a Tourist Mecca," Mormon History Association, May 28, 2011 (luncheon plenary).
- "No Vacancy: America's Roadside Motels and How They were Saved by Indian Immigrants," American Studies Lecture Series, Brigham Young University, Nov. 4, 2010.
- "We're Really Happy: Exposing the American Dream in Bill Owens' Suburbia," Museum of Art, Brigham Young University, Oct. 28, 2010.

- “From the Bates Motel to the Patels: Family Owned Motels in the American West,” American Historical Association meetings, Jan. 10, 2010, San Diego.
- “Writing the Cold War History of the Family Vacation,” invited lecture, Contemporary History Institute, Ohio University, March 5, 2009.
- “Selling Sleep: The Rise and Fall of Utah’s Historic Motels,” Utah Preservation Conference sponsored by Utah Heritage Foundation, May 1, 2009.
- “Pilgrimage: Heritage Travel in Cold War America,” invited lecture to open exhibit, “The View from Here to There: Travel in the Rural Midwest,” Tarble Arts Center, Eastern Illinois University, Charleston, IL, April 19, 2008.
- “Dudes and Sagebrushers: Tourism in Yellowstone National Park,” Book Collecting Conference, Harold B. Lee Library, Brigham Young University, March 28, 2008.
- “Selling Sleep: Motel Iconography in the American West,” Annual Meeting of American Historical Association--Pacific Coast Branch, Honolulu, July 2007.
- “Greetings from Utah: Sightseeing in the Fifties,” Keynote Address, Utah Historical Association, Annual Meeting, Sept. 15, 2006, Salt Lake City, Utah.
- “‘Vacation Without Humiliation’: African-American Family Travel and the Civil Rights Act of 1964,” Turning Points Lecture Series, Utah Valley State College, Feb. 6, 2006
- “The Kid Trade: Children’s Television Westerns and Tourism in the Cold War West,” Western History Association, Scottsdale, Arizona, Oct. 15, 2005.
- “Branding Utah: Industrial Tourism in the Postwar American West,” Shaping the American West, Snowbird, Utah, June 9-11, 2005
- “Hoppy, Annie and the Lone Ranger: Kid Western Television Heroes and California’s Theme Parks,” invited lecture to Utah Westerners, Alta Club, Salt Lake City, 18 Jan. 2005.
- “White Lines: Race, Religion and the Postwar Family Vacation,” invited lecture to American Studies Association, Brigham Young University, 14 October 2004.
- “‘Vacation without Humiliation’: African-American Family Travel in Postwar America,” Third Annual Great Lakes Rural History Conference, Newberry Library, Chicago, Feb. 7, 2004.
- “The Politics of Sacred Places: Branding Utah for Tourists, From Ski Utah to Temple Square,” American Historical Association-Pacific Coast Branch, August 2003.
- “Gas to Burn and Money to Spare: Family Vacationing in the Postwar West,” Western History Association, San Diego, California, October 2001.
- “The Family Farm and the American Pastoral Tradition,” Museum of Art, Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah, February 23, 2001.
- “American Pastoral: The Family Farm and the Making of the Nation,” OAH Midwestern Regional Conference, Ames, Iowa, August 4, 2000.
- “Mapping American Identities: Rand McNally and the Postwar American Family Vacation,” Meeting of the Popular Culture Association, New Orleans, April 21, 2000.
- “Making the West into the Midwest: The Mormon Conflict in Illinois, 1840-1846,” Western History Association Meetings, St. Paul, October 16, 1997.
- “Making Bodies for the Land: Rural Matriarchy in Nineteenth Century Illinois,” Sixth Conference on Rural and Farm Women in Historical Perspective, Waco, Texas, September 18, 1997.
- “Behind the Farmhouse Curtains: Family Violence, Gender and the Market in Nineteenth Century Illinois,” Third Carleton Conference on Family History, Ottawa, May 17, 1997.
- “Now You See Them, Now You Don't: Small Towns in the Rural Midwest,” Farming and Local History Conference, North Central College, Naperville, Illinois, October 19, 1996.

- "Rural Women's History: Problems and Promises," Northern Great Plains History Conference, LaCrosse, Wisconsin, September 12, 1996.
- "Family Violence and Family Values: The Politics of Rural Households in Illinois, 1850-1880," Tenth Berkshire Conference on the History of Women, June 8, 1996.
- "Ironic Consequences: An Urban History of Rural America," Urban History Seminar, Chicago Historical Society, December 1995.
- "The Corruption of the Countryside: Crime in Late 19th Century Illinois," Social Science History Association, Chicago, Illinois, November 1995.
- "Rereading the Cultures of Rural Capitalism: The Mid-Atlantic Source," Social Science History Association Meeting, Atlanta, Georgia, October 1994.
- "Class Struggle? The Rise and Fall of the Grange in Hancock County, Illinois," Northern Great Plains History Conference, St. Paul, Minnesota, September 1994.
- "The Mormon Myth in Hancock County History, 1860-1880," Mormon History Association Meeting, Lamoni, Iowa, May 1993.
- "Battered Farm Wives: Family Violence in Rural Illinois, 1850-1880," at Illinois, Beginning with Women ... Histories and Cultures Conference, Urbana, Illinois, March 1993.
- "The Unmaking of Fountain Green: Outmigration and Rural Community in Illinois," Social Science History Association Meeting, Chicago, Illinois, November 1992.
- "Farm Wives and Country Girls: Changing Fortunes in Illinois, 1840-1880," Symposium on Rural/Farm Women in Historical Perspective, Davis, California, June 1992.
- "Pennsylvania Seed on Prairie Soil: A Scotch-Irish Community in Illinois," Social Science History Association Meetings, New Orleans, Louisiana, November 1991.
- "Saints and Old Settlers: The Conflict in Hancock County, Illinois, 1840-46," Newberry Seminar in Rural History, Chicago, April 1991.
- "Conflict in the Countryside: The Mormon Settlement at Macedonia," Mormon History Association Meetings, Quincy, Illinois, May 1989; and Nauvoo (Illinois) Sesquicentennial Symposium, Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah, September 1989.

#### Public Presentations

- "Remembering Route 66," Primm Lecture Panel, Missouri History Museum, September 2016.
- "Are We There Yet? Remembering the Family Vacation," invited public lecture, Neon Museum, Las Vegas, Nevada, May 2016.
- "DeVoto's Night in Motel Town and Other Tales of Striking it Rich in the Modern Wild West," Library Forum, Alta Club, Salt Lake City, Utah, August 2015.
- With Lisa-Michele Church, "A Real Rest in the Rugged West: The History of Utah's Motels," Utah Westerners, Alta Club, April 2015.
- With Lisa-Michele Church, "Motels Go to the Moon, Utah Historic Preservation Conference, March 2015.
- "Branding Utah," 2012 Utah Tourism Summit, sponsored by Utah Intergovernmental Roundtable, September 21, 2012, Deer Valley, Utah.
- "The Greatest Generation Goes on Vacation," lecture accompanying NEH-funded traveling exhibit "Our Lives, Our Stories," Park City Library (March 3, 2011) and Idaho Historical Museum, July 12, 2011.
- "Our Journey into the Wilderness," Devotional, Brigham Young University, Oct. 13, 2009.
- "Mingling on Main Street: Citizenship and Community in Small Towns, A sponsored by Utah Humanities Council Good Society Program, Draper City, Utah, March 1, 2000.

"A Fight on Two Fronts: American Women in World War II," Women's History Month Lecture Series, St. Cloud State University, March 27, 1996.

### Media Interviews

Contributor, "The Green Book," 99% Invisible (podcast) Episode 201(February 2016)  
<http://99percentinvisible.org/episode/the-green-book/>

Contributor to "Traffic," *BackStory with the History Guys*, Virginia Foundation for the Humanities, July 18, 2008. <http://backstoryradio.org/shows/traffic-how-we-get-there/>

Featured guest on "Utah NOW" hosted by Doug Fabrizio on KUED television, July 25, 2008.

Guest on 3 National Public Radio radio talk shows May 2008 to promote *Are We There Yet?* : *RadioWest* KUER (Salt Lake City); *On Point* WBUR (Boston); and *Radio Times* WHYI (Philadelphia)

Guest Commentator, "A Forties Christmas," KBYU-FM, December 2007.

Guest Commentator, *State of Affairs*, WFPL (NPR) Louisville, Kentucky, June 15, 2006, "The Family Vacation"

Historical Expert, *The Best Crop: A History of Orchard Farming in the Orem Area*, produced by April Chabries, Theatre and Media Arts, BYU (December 2002).

### University Service:

Dean, Undergraduate Education, May 2016 to present.

Associate Dean, Undergraduate Education, May 2015 through April 2016.

Futures Committee on Women in the College, FHSS, 2014-15.

Swenson-Jensen Lecture Committee, History Department, 2013

Faculty Advisor, Washington Seminar, fall 2011-Winter 2012, Washington DC

Associate Dean, College of Family, Home and Social Sciences, 2008-2011

FHSS Rank and Status Committee, Chair, 2007-08

Member, FHSS College National Advisory Council, 2005-2007

FHSS College Curriculum Council, 2003-2005

Faculty Advisor, Washington Seminar, Fall 2003

Associate Chair, History Department, BYU, April 2001-2003

Advisory Board, Joseph Fielding Smith Institute, 2002-2003

FHSS College Student Awards Committee, 2001-2002

Women's Studies Curriculum Committee, 2001-2002

Faculty Advisor, Phi Alpha Theta Honor Society, Beta Iota Chapter (BYU), 1998-2001

### Professional Service:

Editorial Board, *Utah Historical Quarterly*, 2013 to present

Member, Faculty Advisory Board and Mormon Studies Endowment Steering Committee, Tanner Humanities Center, University of Utah, 2011 to 2015

Board of Editors, *Western Historical Quarterly*, 2011-13

Lerner Scott Prize Committee, Organization of American Historians, 2011

Local Arrangements Committee, Western History Association Meeting, 2008, Salt Lake City

Program Committee, Agricultural History Association Meeting, June 2008, Reno, Nevada  
Review Panel, Landmarks in American History, National Endowment for the Humanities, 2003  
and 2007.

Board Member, Mormon History Association, 2006-2009

Chair, Program Committee, Mormon History Association Meetings, 2005

W. Turrentine Jackson Award Committee, AHA-Pacific Coast Branch, 2001-2004

Member, Board of Editors, *Journal of Mormon History*, 1993-2002

Member, Article Prize Committee, Urban History Association, 2000

Program Co-Chair, Rural Women's Studies Association Meetings, June 2000

Everett E. Edwards Award Committee, *Agricultural History*, 1994-99

Awards Committee, Minnesota Historical Society Press, *Minnesota History*, 1997

Member, Program Committee, Mormon History Association Meeting, 1997

President, Women Historians of the Midwest, 1997

Co-Chair, Rural Network, Social Science History Association Program, 1996

Recording Secretary, Chicago Historical Society, Urban History Workshop, 1988-89

Manuscripts peer reviewer for periodicals: *Agricultural History*, *Annals of Iowa*, *BYU Studies*,  
*Frontiers*, *Journal of American History*, *Pacific Historical Review*, and *Western  
Historical Quarterly*.

Reviewed book manuscripts for Oxford UP, Norton, McGraw Hill, Cornell University Press,  
University of Washington Press, University of Minnesota Press, University Press of  
Florida, Routledge, University Press of Florida, and University of Oklahoma.

Outside reviewer for tenure file of Richard K. Popp, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

Member of American Historical Association, Organization of American Historians, Western  
History Association, Mormon History Association

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