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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2003-present Director, Charles Redd Center for Western Studies
Brigham Young University

- 2010-present Professor of History
Brigham Young University

- 1998-2010 Associate Professor of History
Brigham Young University

- 1992-98 Assistant Professor of History,
Brigham Young University

- 2013-present Editorial Board, Utah Historical Quarterly

- 2012- present Associate Fellow, Center for Great Plains Studies, University of Nebraska

- 2011-2012 President, Agricultural History Society

- 2008-present Associate Editor, Agricultural History

- 2002-present Editorial Board, BYU Studies

- 2011-present Editorial Advisor, Rural Initiative, Bill Lane Center for the American
West, Stanford University

- 1993-2002 Associate Editor, BYU Studies

- 2003-2006 Executive Council, Mormon History Association

- 2002-2005 Executive Committee, Agricultural History Society

- 1998-2000 Editorial Board, Agricultural History

1990-91 Woodrow Wilson Rural Policy Research Fellow

EDUCATION

Ph.D. UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON, Department of History
Major: American History-Twentieth Century U.S., Rural U.S., and the
American West
Minor: Cultural and Historical Geography
May 1992

M.A. UTAH STATE UNIVERSITY, Department of History
June 1986

B.A. BRIGHAM YOUNG UNIVERSITY
Major: American Studies
April 1984, summa cum laude and University Honors, College of
Humanities Valedictorian

ACADEMIC HONORS AND DISTINCTIONS

2010 Wells and Myrle Cloward Teaching and Learning Fellowship

2007 J. Talmage Jones Award, Mormon History Association, for one of two
Outstanding Articles in Mormon History published in 2006

2001 James Madison Prize, Society for History in the Federal Government, for
the Best Article on the History of the Federal Government published in
2000

2000 Oscar O. Winther Award, Western History Association, for the Best
Article Published in Western Historical Quarterly in 2000

2000-2002 Alcuin Teaching Fellow, Brigham Young University, for Significant
Contributions to General Education and Honors Curriculum

2000 T. Edgar Lyon Award, Mormon History Association, for the Best Article
in 1999 in Mormon History

1997 Vernon Carstensen Award, Agricultural History Society, for the Best
Article Published in Agricultural History in 1996

1995 Charles Redd Center for Western Studies - Summer Research Fellowship

1993 Phi Alpha Theta/Westerners International Dissertation Award – Best
Doctoral Dissertation in Western American History

1990-91 Woodrow Wilson Rural Fellowship, Aspen Institute for Humanistic
Studies and the Ford Foundation

- 1989 Everett Edwards Award, Agricultural History Society
- 1989-90 Walter Rundell Award for Graduate Study, Western History Association
- 1989 Charles Redd Center Fellowship in Western American History, Brigham Young University
- 1988 Nora Eccles Harrison guest Lecturer, Utah State University Museum of Art
- 1986-87 Dr. John M. Pine Memorial Scholarship, Phi Alpha Theta National Council
- 1984-86 Western History Association Editorial Fellowship, Western Historical Quarterly, Utah State University
- 1984 Karl G. Snow Award, Brigham Young University (best undergraduate paper in history)
- 1984 Valedictorian, Brigham Young University College of Humanities
- 1983 Phi Alpha Theta
- 1983 Phi Kappa Phi
- 1983 LeRoy R. Hafen Award for work in western U.S. History, Brigham Young University
- 1979-84 Trustees' Scholar, Brigham Young University

PUBLICATIONS

Reopening the Frontier: Homesteading in the Modern West (Lawrence: University Press of Kansas, 2009).

Utah in the Twentieth Century (co-edited with Jessie L. Embry) (Logan: Utah State University Press, 2009).

Remaking the Agrarian Dream: New Deal Rural Resettlement in the Mountain West (Albuquerque: University of New Mexico Press, 1996).

The Awkward State of Utah: Coming of Age in the Nation, 1896-1945, co-authored with Charles S. Peterson, forthcoming 2015, University of Utah Press.

Immigrants in the Far West: Historical Identities and Experiences, co-edited with Jessie L. Embry, forthcoming 2014, University of Utah Press.

“Intermountain West,” The Routledge History of Rural America, ed. Pamela Riney-Kehrberg (New York: Routledge, forthcoming 2015).

“Homesteading Remembered: A Sesquicentennial Perspective,” Agricultural History 87 (Winter 2013):1-29.

“Ox in the Mire? The Legal and Cultural War over Sunday Closing in Utah,” co-authored with Timothy S. Merrill, Journal of Mormon History (Fall 2012):164-94.

“Building the Kingdom: Pioneering Historians within the Church Education System,” Religious Educator (no. 2, 2012):138-40.

“‘Long Shall His Blood . . . Stain Illinois’: Carthage Jail in Mormon Memory,” Mormon Historical Studies 10 (Spring 2009):1-20.

“Shaping BYU: The Presidential Administration of Benjamin Cluff Jr.,” BYU Studies 48 (no. 2, 2009):4-49.

“Farms for Veterans: Reclamation Settlement Policies and Results Following the World Wars,” Reclamation: Managing Water in the West, ed. Brit Allan Storey (Washington, DC.: GPO, 2008), 677-695.

“‘Experimenting with the Human and Economic Phases of Agriculture’: Casa Grande Valley Farms,” Picturing Arizona: The Photographic Record of the 1930s, ed. Katherine Morrissey (Tucson: University of Arizona Press, 2005), 60-79.

“Mormonism in Montana: The Formation of Religious Communities,” Montana the Magazine of Western History 56 (Spring 2006):2-19.

“Providential History: The Need for Continuing Revelation,” Window of Faith: Latter-day Saint Perspectives on World History, ed. Roy A. Prete (Provo: Religious Studies Center, 2005), 143-60.

“Chastisement of the Nations, 1914-45,” Window of Faith: Latter-day Saint Perspectives on World History, ed. Roy A. Prete (Provo: Religious Studies Center, 2005), 427-46.

“‘What a Power We Will Be in This Land’: The LDS Church, the Church Security Program and the New Deal,” Journal of the West 43 (Fall 2004):66-75; reprinted in vol. 48 (Fall 2009) as the journal editor’s pick of one of the 12 best articles of the decade published in Journal of the West.

“Federal Crop Insurance Corporation,” Encyclopedia of the Great Depression (New York: MacMillan, 2004), 337-39.

“Farmers Home Administration,” Encyclopedia of the Great Depression (New York: MacMillan, 2004), 319-20.

“Homesteading,” Encyclopedia of Community: From the Village to the Virtual World (London: Sage Reference, 2003), 601-602.

“Scandalous Film: The Campaign to Suppress Anti-Mormon Motion Pictures, 1911-1912,” co-authored with Jacob Olmstead, Journal of Mormon History 29 (Fall 2003):42-76, reprinted in Dimensions of Faith: A Mormon Studies Reader, ed. Stephen C. Taysom (Salt Lake City: Signature Books, 2011).

“Oxen to Organs: Chattel Credit in Springdale Town, 1849-1900,” co-authored with Allan G. Bogue and Kenneth J. Winkle, Agriculture History 77 (Summer 2003):420-52.

“‘Taft Has Made a Good President’: Mormons and Politics in the Election of 1912,” in Times of Transition (Provo: Joseph Fielding Smith Institute, 2003), 55-66.

“Farms for Veterans: Reclamation Settlement Policies and Results Following the World Wars,” Bureau of Reclamation History Symposium Papers (Denver: Bureau of Reclamation, 2003), CD publication.

“Water and Economic Opportunity: Homesteaders, Speculators, and the U.S. Reclamation Service, 1904-1924,” Agricultural History 76 (Spring 2002):188-207.

“Power Relations: Western Rural Electric Cooperatives and the New Deal,” Western Historical Quarterly, XXXI (Summer 2000):133-60.

“The Best Years of Their Lives? Wives and Mothers on Western Homesteads in the Postwar Years,” Agricultural History, 74(Spring 2000):451-64.

“Mormons and the New Deal: The 1936 Presidential Election in Utah,” Utah Historical Quarterly (Winter 1999):4-22.

“Adopted or Indentured, 1850-1870: Native Children in Mormon Households,” in Ronald W. Walker and Doris R. Dant, eds., Nearly Everything Imaginable: The Everyday Life of Utah’s Mormon Pioneers (Provo: Brigham Young University Press, 1999):341-57.

“‘We are Now Entering a New Era’: Federal Reclamation and the Fact Finding Commission of 1923-24,” Pacific Historical Review, LXVI (May 1997):185-211.

“Indenture and Adoption of Native American Children by Mormons on the Utah Frontier, 1850-1870,” co-authored with Richard D. Kitchen, Common Frontiers: Proceedings of the 1996 Conference and Annual Meeting, (North Bloomfield, OH: Association for Living History Farms and Agricultural Museums, 1997):131-44.

“Keeping Their Instructions Straight: Implementing the Rural Resettlement Program in the West,” Agricultural History, 70 (Spring 1996):251-67.

“Priesthood Restoration Documents,” BYU Studies,35 (Number 4, 1996):162-73.
Reprinted with minor revisions in John W. Welch, ed., *Opening the Heavens: Accounts of Divine Manifestation, 1820-1844* (Provo: BYU Press and Deseret Book, 2005), 215-64.

“‘Keep on a-goin’’: Life and Social Interaction in a New Deal Farm Labor Camp,”
Agricultural History, 70 (Winter 1996):1-32.

“The Segoe Lily: Utah’s State Flower,” Utah Historical Quarterly, 63 (Winter 1995):70-84.

“Salt Lake Valley, 1847” Historical Atlas of Mormonism (New York: Simon and Schuster, 1994).

Utah History: History 366, Independent Study Manual (Provo: BYU Department of Independent Study, 1994).

“John C. Calhoun, Jr., Meets the Prophet Joseph Smith Shortly before the Departure for Carthage,” BYU Studies, 33 (1993):772-80.

“‘Quite a Wrestling Match’’: The Adaptation of Dryland Farmers to Irrigation,”
Agricultural History, 66 (1992):120-36.

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Newberry Papers in Family and Community History, Newberry Library, 1991.

“Immigrants in American Agriculture, Agricultural History, 65 (1991):17-35.

“Struggle Against Great Odds: Challenges in Utah’s Marginal Agricultural Areas,” Utah Historical Quarterly, 54 (1986):308-27.

“Change Engulfs a Frontier Settlement: Ogden and Its Residents Respond to the Railroad,” Journal of Mormon History, 12 (1985):15-28.

“Introductory Essay” to Life and Land: The Farm Security Administration Photographers in Utah (Logan: Utah State University Press, 1988):3-8.

“The Black Muslim Experience: A Case Study of the Genesis and Development of the Afro-American Character,” Brigham Young University Thetean (1984):23-48

REVIEWS

Review of William W. Dunmire, New Mexico’s Livestock Heritage: Four Centuries of Animals, Land, and People (2013) New Mexico Historical Review (Summer 2014):410-11.

Review of Matthew Kester, Remembering Iosepa: History, Place, and Religion in the American West (2013) Journal of Mormon History (Spring 2014):277-79.

Review of Brock Cheney, Plain but Wholesome: Foodways of the Mormon Pioneers (2012) Agricultural History (Fall 2013):547-49.

Review of Paul W. Hirt, The Wired Northwest: The History of Electric Power, 1870s-1970s. (2012) Montana The Magazine of Western History (Spring 2013):81-82.

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Review of Grey Osterud. Putting the Barn Before the House: Women and Family Farming in Early Twentieth-Century New York. (2012) American Historical Review (June 2013):867-68.

Review of Robert L. Dorman. Hell of a Vision: Regionalism and the Modern American West. (2012) Utah Historical Quarterly (Summer 2013):293-94.

Review of Robert Allen Goldberg, America in the Forties (2012) The Historian (2013):559-60.

Review of Dona Brown, Back to the Land: The Enduring Dream of Self-Sufficiency in Modern America (2011) American Historical Review (June 2012):857-58.

Review of James R. Skillen, The Nation's Largest Landlord: The Bureau of Land Management in the American West (2009) Journal of Interdisciplinary History (Autumn 2010):327-28.

Review of William B. Smart, Mormonism's Last Colonizer: The Life and Times of William H. Smart (2009) Journal of Mormon History (Fall 2010):261-63.

Review of Alan L. Olmstead and Paul W. Rhode, Creating Abundance: Biological Innovation and American Agricultural Development (2008) Reviews in American History (December 2009):591-96.

Review of Jared Farmer, On Zion's Mount: Mormons, Indians, and the American Landscape (2008) Utah Historical Quarterly (Winter 2009): 91-92.

Review of Sarah T. Phillips, This Land, This Nation: Conservation, Rural America and the New Deal (2007) Great Plains Quarterly (Winter 2009):74-75.

Review of Ronald W. Walker, Richard E. Turley Jr. and Glen M. Leonard, Massacre at Mountain Meadows: An American Tragedy (2008) BYU Studies (No. 3, 2008):169-74.

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Review of Karen M. O'Neill, Rivers by Design: State Power and the Origins of U.S. Flood Control (2006) Agricultural History (Spring 2008):258-59.

Review of Craig Miner, Next Year Country: Dust to Dust in Western Kansas, 1890-1940 (2006) Great Plains Quarterly (Fall 2007):308.

Review of Helen Whitney, The Mormons (2007) BYU Studies 46 (No. 2, 2007):305-12.

Review of Richard W. Etulain, Beyond the Missouri: The Story of the American West (2006) Utah Historical Quarterly (Summer 2007):277-78.

Review of Ferenc M. Szasz, Larger than Life: New Mexico in the Twentieth Century. (2006) Pacific Historical Review (August 2007):505-6.

Review of John Wesley Powell, The Arid Lands (2004) Agricultural History 81 (Winter 2007):145-47.

Review of Gary Topping, Utah Historians and the Reconstruction of Western History (2003) BYU Studies (Number 1, 2006): 178-81.

Review of Gerald Nash, The Federal Landscape: An Economic History of the Twentieth-Century West (1999) Nevada Historical Society Quarterly 49 (Summer 2006): 165-67.

Review of Chad M. Orton and William W. Slaughter, Joseph Smith's America: His Life and Times (2005) Mormon Historical Studies 6 (Fall 2005): 259-61.

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Review of Gary James Bergera, Conflict in the Quorum: Orson Pratt, Brigham Young, Joseph Smith (2002) Journal of the West 43 (Spring 2004):101.

Review of Stewart L. Udall, The Forgotten Founders: Rethinking the History of the Old West (2002) Journal of Mormon History (Fall 2004):256-59.

Review of Catherine McNicol Stock and Robert D. Johnston, eds., The Countryside in the Age of the Modern State: Political Histories of Rural America (2001) Agricultural History (Fall 2002):748-49.

Review of Roger Robin Ekins, Defending Zion: George Q. Cannon and the California Mormon Newspaper Wars of 1856-1857 (2002) Folio (November 2003):17-18.

Review of D. Michael Quinn, Elder Statesman: A Biography of J. Reuben Clark (2002) Utah Historical Quarterly 71 (Fall 2003):372-74.

Review of Steven C. Schulte, Wayne Aspinall and the Shaping of the American West

(2002) and Stephen C. Sturgeon, The Politics of Western Water: The Congressional Career of Wayne Aspinall (2002) Pacific Historical Review (November 2003):649-652.

Review of Caroline Henderson, Letters from the Dust Bowl (2001) Great Plains Quarterly (Fall 2002):292.

Review of John Sillito and Susan Staker, eds., Mormon Mavericks: Essays on Dissenters (2002) Journal of the West (Summer 2004): 94.

Review of Victoria Saker Woeste, The Farmer's Benevolent Trust: Law and Agricultural Cooperation in Industrial America, 1865-1945 (1998) Reviews in American History (June 2002):259-65.

Review of Ronald R. Kline, Consumers in the Country: Technology and Social Change in Rural America (2000) Western Historical Quarterly (Winter 2001):524-25.

Review of David R. Bigler, Forgotten Kingdom: The Mormon Theocracy in the American West, 1847-1896 (1998) Journal of the West (Winter 2003):107.

Review of Pamela Riney-Kehrberg, Waiting on the Bounty: The Dust Bowl Diary of Mary Knackstedt Dyck (1999) Great Plains Quarterly (Summer 2001):241-42.

Review of John R. Wunder, Frances W. Kaye and Vernon Carstensen, eds., Americans View Their Dust Bowl Experience (1999) Journal of the West (Winter 2001):100.

Review of Will Bagley, ed., Scoundrel's Tale: The Samuel Brannan Papers (1999) Southern California Quarterly (Winter 2000):423-24.

Review of Jay Brigham, Empowering the West: Electrical Politics Before FDR (1998) American Historical Review (Number 2, 2000):181-84.

Review of Richard N. Ostling and Joan K. Ostling, Mormon America: The Power and the Promise (1999) BYU Studies (Number 2, 2000):181-184.

Review of Richard O. Cowan, The Latter-day Saint Century (1999) Mormon Historical Studies (Spring 2000):153-55.

Review of Jon Gjerde, The Minds of the West: Ethnocultural Evolution in the Rural Middle West, 1830-1917 (1997) Rural Sociology Fall 1997):399-401.

Review of R. Douglas Hurt, American Farms: Exploring Their History (1996) Western Historical Quarterly (Spring 1998):33-89.

Review of Claudia L. Bushman, ed., Mormon Sisters: Women in Early Utah (1997) Journal of the West (July 1999):102.

Review of Andrew F. Smith, Saintly Scoundrel: The Life and Times of Dr. John Cook Bennett (1997) Journal of the West (April 1999):93.

Review of Tim B. Heaton, Thomas A. Hirschl and Bruce A. Chadwick, eds., Utah in the 1990s: A Demographic Perspective (1997) Journal of the West (January 1999):120.

Review of Newell Bringhurst, ed., Reconsidering No Man Knows My History: Fawn M. Brodie and Joseph Smith in Retrospect (1996) Journal of the West (October 1998):105-6.

Review of Kevin Starr, Endangered Dreams: The Great Depression in California (1996) Agricultural History (Spring 1997):237-38.

Review of Irene M. Bates and E. Gary Smith, Los Legacy: The Mormon Office of President Patriarch 1996) Pacific Historical Review (August 1997):435-36.

Review of J. Roderic Korn et al., West from Fort Bridger (1994) Journal of the West (April 1997):96.

Review of Paul W. Hirt, A Conspiracy of Optimism: Management of the National Forests since World War II (1994) Utah Historical Quarterly (Winter 1996):99-100.

Review of Marshall E. Bowen, Utah People in the Nevada Desert: Homestead and Community on a Twentieth-Century Farmers' Frontier (1994) Western Historical Quarterly (Summer 1995):246-47.

Review of Stephen J. Leonard, Trials and Triumphs: A Colorado Portrait of the Great Depression, with FSA Photographs (1993) and Marta Weigle, ed., Women of New Mexico: Depression Era Images (1993) Western Historical Quarterly (Winter 1994):535-36.

Review of Nelson B. Wadsworth, Set in Stone, Fixed in Glass: The Great Mormon Temple and Its Photographers (1993) Journal of the West (October 1994):106.

Review of Mary W. M. Hargreaves, Dry Farming in the Northern Great Plains, 1920-1990 (1993) Agricultural History, 68 (1994):120-21.

Review of Bruce A. Van Orden, Prisoner for Conscience' Sake: The Life of George Reynolds (1992), BYU Studies (forthcoming 1993).

Review of Stanford J. Layton, To No Privileged Class: The Rationalization of Homesteading and Rural Life in the Early Twentieth-Century American West (1988), Western Historical Quarterly, 20 (August 1989):336.

Review of Dean L. May, Utah: A People's History (1987), Western Historical Quarterly, 20 (February 1989).

Review of Janet Poppendieck, Breadlines Knee-Deep in Wheat: Food Assistance in the Great Depression (1986), Western Historical Quarterly, 18 (April 1987):199.

PRESENTATIONS AND CONFERENCES

“Look in Her Eyes’: Cultural, Political and Personal Constructions of Dorothea Lange’s Migrant Mother,” European Rural History Organization, August 2013, Zurich.

“From Cotton Fields to Colleges: Athletics and the Rural to Urban Migration,” Agricultural History Society, June 2013, Banff, AB.

“Writing Utah: The State, the Academy, Public History and the Press,” Western History Association, October 2012, Denver, CO.

“Homesteading Remembered: A Sesquicentennial Perspective,” Agricultural History Society, June 2012, Manhattan, KS.

“Re-opening the Frontier: Homesteading in the Modern West,” Center for Great Plains Studies, The Making of the Great Plains Symposium, March 2012, Lincoln, NE.

“Serving the West’s Varied Publics: Ideas from the Centers of the West,” Western History Association, October 2011, Oakland, CA.

“Rural-Urban Migration in African and Asian Fiction,” Rural History 2010 Conference, September 2010, Brighton, England.

“You Can’t Take the Country Out of the Boy: Rural-Urban Migration in American Fiction,” Agricultural History Society, June 2010, Orlando, FL.

“Long Shall His Blood . . . Stain Illinois’: Carthage Jail in Mormon Memory,” Mormon History Association, May 2009, Springfield, IL.

“Creating a ‘New Frontier of Opportunity’: Homesteading on Western Reclamation Projects, 1946-1966,” Center for Great Plains Studies Homesteading Reconsidered Symposium, May 2007, Lincoln, NB.

“Shaping BYU: The Presidential Administration of Benjamin Cluff, Jr.,” Mormon History Association, May 2007, Salt Lake City, UT.

“The Centers of the West: The Charles Redd Center for Western Studies,” Western History Association, October 2006, St. Louis, MO.

“Reorienting the Western Landscape: The Impact of Water Wars upon California Farmers,” Agricultural History Society, June 2006, Cambridge, MA.

“Mormonism in Montana: The Formation of Religious Communities on the Periphery,” Mormon History Association, May 2006, Casper, WY.

“Utah’s Denial of the Vote to Reservation Indians in the 1950s,” Charles Redd Seminar on Utah

in the Twentieth Century, May 2006, Provo, UT.

“Honoring Allan and Margaret Bogue,” Western History Association, October 2005, Scottsdale, AZ.

“‘You Lost Every County Where Mormons Do Control’: The Election of 1912 in Mormon Country,” Woodrow Wilson National Symposium, Woodrow Wilson Presidential Library, September 2004, Staunton, VA.

“To Close or Not to Close? The Controversy Over Utah’s Sunday Closing Laws, 1943-1971,” Mormon History Association, May 2004, Provo, UT.

“Pushing History Beyond Human Institutions: Studying the Rural Environment,” New Directions in Rural History Conference, Iowa State University, April 2004, Ames, IA.

“‘What a Power We Will Be in This Land’: The LDS Church, the Church Security Program and the New Deal,” Mormon History Association, May 2003, Painesville, OH.

“Casa Grande Valley Farms,” Meetings of the Agricultural History Society, May 2003, Las Cruces, NM.

“Farms for Veterans: Reclamation Settlement Policies and Results Following the First and Second World Wars,” Pacific Coast Branch, American Historical Association, August 2003, Honolulu, HI.

“Mormonism in Montana, 1896-2002,” Saints and Others: Mormonism in the North American West, University of Montana Center for the Rocky Mountain West Symposium, November 2002, Missoula, MT.

“Farms for Veterans: Reclamation Settlement Policies and Results Following the World War,” Symposium on the History of the Bureau of Reclamation, University of Nevada, June 2002, Las Vegas, NV.

“‘Experimenting with the Human and Economic Phases of Agriculture’: Casa Grande Valley Farms,” Visions in the Dust Symposium on Farm Security Administration Photography, January 2002, Tucson, AZ.

“‘The Firm Foundation of Our Community’: Opportunity and Its Limits on the Bureau of Reclamation’s Riverton Project,” Western History Association, October 2001, San Diego, CA.

“Water and Economic Opportunity: Homesteaders, Speculators and the U.S. Reclamation Service, 1904-1924,” Presented at the Meetings of the Agricultural History Society, June 2001, Reno, NV.

“‘Libelous Films’: The Union of Mormon and Gentile to Suppress Anti-Mormon Films, 1911-1912,” Presented at the Meetings of the Mormon History Association, May 2001, Cedar City, UT.

“Creating a ‘New Frontier of Opportunity’: World War II Veterans and the Campaign for Western Homestead,” Presented at the Meetings of the Pacific Coast Branch of the American Historical Association, August 2000, Park City, UT.

“Oral Narratives of Women Homesteaders in the Postwar Era, 1946-1962,” Presented at the Meetings of the Rural Women’s Studies Association, June 2000, St. Paul, MN.

“‘To Rearrange the Earth and the People Thereof’: New Deal Land Reform and Rural Resettlement in the West,” Presented at the Meetings of the American Society for Environmental History, March 2000, Tacoma, WA.

“World War II and Korean War Veterans on Reclamation Homesteads,” Presented as part of Conversation in Reclamation History, Bureau of Reclamation, November 1999, Denver, CO

“We Don’t Have That Much Water: Modern Homesteaders and the Battle for Irrigation Opportunities,” Presented at the Meetings of the Pacific Coast Branch of the American Historical Association, August 1000, Maui, HI.

“The Best Years of Their Lives? Wives and Mothers on Western Homesteads in the Postwar Era,” Presented at the Meetings of the Agricultural History Society, June 1999, Mississippi State, MS.

“Depictions of Twentieth-Century Homesteading in the Popular Media, 1945-1960,” Presented at the Meetings of the Social Science History Association, November 1998, Chicago.

“The New Deal’s Rural Resettlement Program in the Mountain West,” Presented at the Who Owns America? Conference sponsored by the Land Tenure Center at University of Wisconsin-Madison and the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy, June 1998, Madison, WI.

“Mormons, the Constitution and the New Deal: The 1936 Presidential Election,” Presented at the Meetings of the Mormon History Association, May 1998, Washington, DC.

“Power Relations; Western Rural Electric Cooperatives and the New Deal,” Presented at the Meetings of the Western Social Science Association, April 1998, Denver, CO.

“‘Like the Last Wild West of the Country’: World War II Veterans and Agricultural Settlement in the West,” Presented at the Meetings of the Social Science History Association, October 1997, Washington, DC.

“Homesteading the Promised Land: Reclamation in the Northwest, 1902-1924,” Presented at the Meetings of the Pacific Coast Branch of the American Historical Association, August 1997, Portland, OR.

“Rural History and Agricultural History: The Status of the Disciplines,” Presented at the Social Science History Association Meetings, October 1996, New Orleans, LA.

“Indenture and Adoption of Native American Children by Mormons on the Utah Frontier 1850-1870,” co-presented with Richard D. Kitchen, Annual Meeting of the Association of Living History Farms and Agricultural Museums, May 1996, Houston, TX.

“Keeping Their Instructions Straight: Implementing the Rural Resettlement Program in the West,” Presented at the Agricultural History Society Symposium, June 1995, Washington, DC.

“‘Almost Like Resurrection Day’: Rural Electrification in the Mountain West,” Presented at the Western History Association Meetings, October 1994, Albuquerque, NM.

“The New Deal’s Rural Resettlement Program in the Mountain West,” Presented at a National Conference on the 1930s and New Deal Homestead Communities, funded by the Claude Worthington Benedum Foundation, July 1994.

“The Sego Lily as a Cultural Symbol of Mormonism,” Presented at the Mormon History Association Meetings, May 1994.

“‘Keep On A;Goin’: Migrant Life in New Deal Migrant Labor Camps,” Presented at the Social Science History Association Meetings, October 1993.

“‘We Are One Body’: Community Integration on the Western Projects of the Resettlement Administration,” Presented at the Meetings of the Southwestern Social Science Association, March 1993.

“‘We’re Going to a Land of Snow-Capped Mountain’: Myth, Environmental Perception and the Migratory Process,” Presented at the Meetings of the Western History Association, October 1992.