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Education:

- Ph.D. University of California, Los Angeles: History, 1996
M.A. University of California, Los Angeles: History, 1993
B.A. University of California, Santa Barbara: English & Renaissance Studies, 1986

Professional Experience:

- 2005 – 2020 Contract Historian, National Park Service:
Redwood National and State Parks; Wind Cave National Park; Fort Robinson
National Historic Landmark; River Raisin National Battlefield Park; Tallgrass
Prairie National Preserve; Fort Union Trading Post National Historic Site
- 2004—2018 Instructor, Fisheries & Wildlife, Oregon State University (e-campus)
- 2009—2012 Instructor, University of Oregon—Central Oregon Program
- 2004—2012 Visiting Associate Professor, Department of History, University of Oregon
- 2004—2008 Project Historian, Center for Electronic Studying, University of Oregon College
of Education
- 2002—2004 Associate Professor and Chair of American Studies, Knox College
- 1999—2000 Research Fellow, Oregon State University, Center for the Humanities
- 1997—2002 Assistant Professor, Department of History, Knox College
- 1996—1997 Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of History, UC Los Angeles
- 1996—1997 Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of History, UC Santa Barbara

Publications:

Books

The Grandest Things: Our National Parks in Words, Images, and Stamps (United States
Postal Service and the National Park Service, 2010)

Lewis and Clark: Legacies, Memories, and New Interpretations, co-edited with Kris
Fresonke (University of California Press, 2004)

Dispossessing the Wilderness: Indian Removal and the Making of the National Parks
(Oxford University Press, 1999; paperback edition, 2000)

Forthcoming: *Building a Forest for the Trees: Redwoods and the Future of National
Parks* (Norman: University of Oklahoma Press, 2019)

Government Publications ([all are accessible on the “Projects” page of HistoryCraft.com](#))

Watershed Park: An Administrative History of Redwood National and State Parks (US Department of the Interior, National Park Service, 2011)

Passages Through Many Worlds: A Historic Resource Study of Wind Cave National Park (US Dept. of the Interior, National Park Service, 2011)

Native Ground, Middle Ground, Battle Ground: A Historic Resource Study of River Raisin National Battlefield Park (2019)

Confluences: A Historic Resource Study of Fort Union National Historic Site (forthcoming 2020)

Special Studies: ([both are accessible on the “Projects” page of HistoryCraft.com](#))

Fort Robinson Military Reservation, Red Cloud Agency, and Cheyenne Outbreak NHL (updated nomination, 2016)

American Indians and the Tallgrass Since Time Out of Memory: A Study to Support Interpretation at Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve (2018)

Articles

“With Delight, Wonder, & Awe.” *Gilcrease: The Journal of the Gilcrease Museum*, 23 (Summer 2016): 4-33.

“Soyaapo and the Remaking of Lewis and Clark.” *Oregon Historical Quarterly* 105 (Fall 2004): 482-499.

“Let’s Play Lewis & Clark: Conflating Nature, History, and Recreation in the Twentieth-Century American West,” in *Lewis and Clark: Legacies, Memories, and New Perspectives*, eds. Kris Fresonke and Mark Spence (University of California Press, 2004).

“Grinding Gears on the Roads that Ruin,” *Reviews in American History*, 31 (March 2003): 118-126.

“Bioregions and Nation-States: Lessons from Lewis & Clark in the Oregon Country.” *Oregon Historical Quarterly*, 103 (Winter 2002), 428-451.

“Crown of the Continent, Backbone of the World: The American Wilderness Ideal and Blackfoot Exclusion from Glacier National Park.” *Environmental History*, 1 (July 1996), 29-49; reprinted in *Montana Legacy: Essays on History, People, and Place* (Helena: Montana Historical Society Press, 2002).

“Dispossessing the Wilderness: Yosemite Indians and the National Park Ideal, 1860-1930.” *Pacific Historical Review*, 65 (February 1996), 27-59

Public Essays

“The New Lewis and Clark — Sensitive New Age Guys,” *Portland Oregonian*, Sunday, 20 November 2005, p. F-1

“Making History at the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial.” *Oregon Humanities* (Spring 2004), 14-21.

“The Unnatural History of the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial.” *Montana, The*

Magazine of Western History 53 (Summer 2003), 3-14.

“Harmless Fun or Reckless Abandon? Re-Creation and Recreation as History at the Lewis & Clark Bicentennial.” *History News* 56 (Spring 2001), 17-21.

“Selling Out Lewis & Clark.” *Portland Oregonian*, Sunday, 14 May 2000, p. B-1

Reference Works

“George Bird Grinnell.” *Encyclopedia of World Environmental History*, eds., Shepard Krech III, John R. McNeill, and Carolyn Merchant, 3 vols. (New York: Berkshire/Routledge 2003).

“Columbia River Exploration and Settlement;” “Northwest Territory;” “Western Exploration;” “Exploration and Expeditions, U.S.,” “Fort Mandan.” *Dictionary of American History* 3rd ed. New York: Charles Scribner’s Sons, 2002.

“Public Lands,” in *The Encyclopedia of American Studies*, ed. George Kurian, 4 vols. (Grolier Publishing Company and American Studies Association, 2001), vo.l. 3: 436-438.

“The Frontier and the West,” in *Encyclopedia of American Cultural and Intellectual History*, eds. Mary Kupiac Cayton and Peter W. Williams, 3 vols. (Charles Scribner’s Sons, 2001), 2: 485-496.

Consultation:

Working Group for Independent Historians, 2018-2019

Everybody’s National Parks, 2017

British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC 4), *Unnatural Histories*. Broadcast in June 2011

US Dept. of Education (DOE) Teaching American History Project for the Douglas, High Desert, Jefferson and South Coast Education Service Districts, 2008—2012

Consulting Historian, Oregon Travel Information Council (OTIC), 2008-2009

DOE Teaching American History Project for the Deschutes County Education Service District and the University of Oregon College of Education, 2005—2007

DOE Teaching American History Project for the Douglas County Education Service District and the University of Oregon College of Education, 2004—2006

Board of Editors, Oregon Historical Society Press, 2004—2006

History Channel, “The Big Build,” 2005

American Orient Express Railway, 2004-2005

Environmental Literacy Council, Reading the Landscapes of America Project, 2004-2005

Cultural Interpretation Consultant, Devils Tower National Monument, National Park Service, 2001-2002

Historical Consultant, Autry Museum of Western Heritage, 1997

Professional Peer Reviewing:

American Historical Review, Journal of American History, Pacific Historical Review, Environmental History, Reviews in American History, Journal of Social History, Public History, Social History, Western Historical Quarterly, Oregon Historical Quarterly, Great Plains Quarterly, University of New Mexico Press, Oregon State University Press, University of Nebraska Press, University Press of Kansas, Oxford University Press, University of California Press.

Awards and Fellowships:

- 2003-2004 Huntington Library Research Fellowship
- 2000 Exceptional Faculty Achievement Award, Knox College
- 1999-2000 Center for the Humanities at Oregon State University: Resident Fellow
- 1998 National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Institute, “The Environment and World History, 1500-2000”
- 1997 American Society for Environmental History: Rachel Carson Prize for the Best Dissertation in Environmental History
- 1997 University of California, Los Angeles: Wilbur Jacobs Prize for the Best Dissertation in Environmental Studies

Courses TaughtUniversity of Oregon

- HIST 201 U.S. History Survey, Colonial and Early National America
- HIST 202 U.S. History Survey, 19th Century
- HIST 273 Introduction to American Environmental History
- HIST 399 American Environment Through Film
- HIST 467/567 History of the American West: 20th Century
- HIST 469/569 American Indian History: Native Sovereignty
- HIST 473/573 Environment and the American West

UO—Central Oregon Program/OSU Cascades

- HIST/HST 201 U.S. History Survey, Colonial and Early National America
- HIST/HST 202 U.S. History Survey, 19th Century
- HIST 273/HST 481 American Environmental History
- HIST 457 Jacksonian America
- HIST 469/HST 366 American Indian History

Oregon State University (e-campus)

- FW 470 Ecology and History: Landscapes of the Columbia River Basin

Knox College

U.S. Survey

American Indian History

American Environmental History

History of the American West

Jacksonian America

Introduction to Latin American History

Historical Methods and Craft

First Year Seminar

American Studies: Turn of 20th Century

U.S. Environmental Studies: Legacies of

Lewis & Clark