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Academic Employment

Boston University, History Department, Assistant Professor, 2009-
Columbia University, History Department, Assistant Professor, 2004-2009
Boston University, History Department, Lecturer, 2003-2004
Boston University, College of Arts and Sciences Writing Program, Instructor, 2002-2003

Education

Ph.D. 2004, Boston University
B.A. 1996, Florida State University (music, *summa cum laude*)

Areas of Research

Twentieth-Century U.S. History, Political History, Environmental and Agricultural History

Fellowships and Awards

Fellowship, Charles Warren Center, Harvard University, "North America in Global Context," 2010. Awarded for book project *The Price of Plenty*.
Gilbert C. Fite Dissertation Award, Agricultural History Society, 2004.
Miller Center of Public Affairs, University of Virginia, Fellow in History, Public Policy, and American Politics, 2000-2001.
Grants: Lyndon B. Johnson Foundation (2000), Hoover Presidential Library (2001), Harry S. Truman Library (2001), Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt Institute (2001).
Boston University Humanities Foundation Award, 2000.
Outstanding Teaching Fellow Award, History Department, Boston University, 1999-2000.
Edwards Memorial Article Prize, Agricultural History Society, 1999.
Presidential University Graduate Fellowship, Boston University, 1996-2000.

Publications

Book: *This Land, This Nation: Conservation, Rural America, and the New Deal* (Cambridge University Press, 2007).

Chapters in collected volumes:

- "Environmental History," in *American History Now*, edited for the American Historical Association by Eric Foner and Lisa McGirr (Temple University Press, 2011).
- "Resourceful Leaders: State Governors and the Politics of the American Environment," in *A Legacy of Innovation: Governors and Public Policy*, ed. Ethan Sribnick (University of Pennsylvania Press, 2008).
- "FDR, Hoover, and the New Rural Conservation, 1920-1932," in *FDR and the Environment*, ed. David Woolner and Henry Henderson (Palgrave, 2005).
- "Drylands, Dustbowl, and Agro-Technical Internationalism in Southern Africa," in *Transatlantic Rebels: Agrarian Radicalism in Comparative Context*, ed. James Scott and Thomas Summerhill (Michigan State University Press, 2004).

Journal Articles:

- "Antebellum Agricultural Reform, Republican Ideology, and Sectional Tension," *Agricultural History* 74 (Fall 2000): 799-822.
- "Lessons From the Dust Bowl: Dryland Agriculture and Soil Erosion in the United States and South Africa, 1900-1950," *Environmental History* 4 (April 1999): 245-266.

Short Pieces:

"Dust Bowl" and "Lyndon B. Johnson," in Kathleen A. Brosnan, ed., *Encyclopedia of American Environmental History* (Facts on File, 2010).

"Economy and Politics, 1920-1945," (5000 words) in Michael Kazin, ed., *Princeton Encyclopedia of American Political History* (Princeton University Press, 2009).

Book Reviews:

Transplanting the Great Society: Lyndon Johnson and Food for Peace (Kristin Ahlberg, 2008), *Agricultural History* (forthcoming).

Managing the Mountains: Landscape Planning, the New Deal, and the Creation of a Federal Landscape in Appalachia (Sara Gregg, 2010), *Agricultural History* (forthcoming).

A Revolution Down on the Farm (Paul Conkin, 2007), *Business History Review* (Summer 2010).

Public Lands and Political Meaning: Ranchers, the Government, and the Property Between Them (Karen R. Merrill, 2002), *Nevada Historical Society Quarterly* (Fall 2009).

American Pests: The Losing War on Insects From Colonial Times to DDT (James E. McWilliams, 2008), *American Historical Review* (Dec. 2009).

Plowed Under: Agriculture and Environment in the Palouse (Andrew P. Duffin, 2007), *Business History Review* (Summer 2008).

Nature's New Deal: The Civilian Conservation Corps and the Roots of the American Environmental Movement (Neil M. Maher, 2007), *North Carolina Historical Review* (July 2008).

A Rediscovered Frontier: Land Use and Resource Issues in the New West (Philip L. Jackson and Robert Kuhlken, 2006), *Environmental History* 13 (Jan. 2008).

The Defining Moment: FDR's Hundred Days and the Triumph of Hope (Jonathan Alter, 2006), *Political Science Quarterly* 121 (Winter 2006-07).

Toxic Drift: Pesticides and Health in the Post-World War II South (Pete Daniel, 2005), *Journal of Southern History* 73 (Feb. 2007).

Ecology and Empire: Environmental History of Settler Societies, (Tom Griffiths and Libby Robin, eds., 1997), *Environmental History* 3 (July 1998).

Current Projects

The Price of Plenty: From Farm to Food Politics in Postwar America

Second book project, under contract with Oxford University Press. Examines the political history of U.S. commodity oversupply from the 1940s to the present; integrates a national analysis with an examination of the problematic international relations created by the agricultural surplus policy regime.

The Kitchen Debate and Cold War Consumer Politics: A Brief History with Documents, with Shane Hamilton. Completed first draft submitted to publisher (Bedford/St. Martins).

Invited Talks and Lectures

["Two Blades of Grass or One?: Land-Grant Professors and Postwar Surplus Politics," Mississippi State University, October 2012.]

[Speaker, opening plenary session, "Agriculture and the State," Agricultural History Society, Manhattan, KS, June 2012.]

Panelist, "The Global Land Rush: The Future of Food, Fuel, and Agricultural Development," Boston University Pardee House Seminar, November 2011.

"The New Muckrakers and the Old Farm Bloc: Food Politics Since WWII," Boston University Evergreen Lecture and Discussion Series, April 2011.

"Could an American Farm Election Change the World? The Wheat Referendum of 1963," Charles Warren Center, Harvard University, November 2010.

"Food and American Life," Columbia University, Fall 2010. Delivered 4 lectures and directed 4 discussions on the history of food, industrialization, and environmental change for an undergraduate seminar in American Studies.

New Deal Roundtable, "The New Deal Now" with David M. Kennedy and Eric Rauchway, University of California-Davis, November 2008.

"The Price of Plenty: American Food and Global Power," Boston University, April 2008.

"So What Was the TVA Anyway?" Contemporary History Institute, Ohio University, Jan 2008.

"Lyndon Johnson, Rural America, and the New Deal," Miller Center of Public Affairs, University of Virginia, April 2006.

Historical Roundtable, "Hurricane Katrina and the Past, Present, and Future of New Orleans," Columbia University, October 2005.

"New Deal Conservation," University of Georgia, November 2004.

"FDR, Herbert Hoover, and the New Rural Conservation, 1920-1932," Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt Institute, October 2002.

Conference Papers

["From Farm to Food Politics in the Kennedy Era," Agricultural History Society (AHS), Manhattan, KS, June 2012.]

"Liberals and the Environment," BU-Cambridge-Princeton Political History Conference, Boston University, April 2009.

"From Food Aid to the FAO: George McGovern's Agricultural Advocacy and the Limits of Liberal Internationalism," Organization of American Historians (OAH), Seattle, WA, March 2009.

"Approaches to Radical Environmental History: Methodologies and Movements," Roundtable, American Historical Association (AHA), New York, January 2009.

"So What Was the TVA Anyway?" Agricultural History Society (AHS), Cambridge, MA, June 2006.

"New Deal Conservation and the Environmental Limitations of Agrarian Policy," American Society of Environmental History (ASEH), Victoria, BC, April 2004.

"Postwar Development and Environmental History: The Overlapping Politics of Conservation and Preservation," Organization of American Historians (OAH), Washington, D.C., April 2002.

"Shirt-Sleeve Diplomacy: American Technical Assistance and World Reconstruction, 1940-1955," Social Science History Association (SSHA), Chicago, IL, November 2001.

"A Political Interpretation of New Deal Conservation," American Society of Environmental History (ASEH), Durham, NC, March 2001.

"Drylands, Dustbowl, and Agro-Technical Internationalism in South Africa," Michigan State University Sweet Symposium, November 2000.

"The New Deal as Crossroads in Federal Resource Management," Social Science History Association (SSHA), Pittsburgh, PA, October 2000.

Conference Participation

[Chair and Comment, "Agriculture and Policy," AHS, Manhattan, KS, June 2012.]

Comment, "Scientific Experimentation and Technology," Yale Environmental History Conference, New Haven, CT, April 2012.

Chair and Comment, "The New Deal and Global Environmental Politics," ASEH, Madison, WI, March 2012.

Chair and Comment, "Seeing Like a New Dealer," AHS, Springfield, IL, June 2011.

Comment, BU Graduate Student American Political History Conference, April 2011.

Chair, "Finding Rejuvenation in Nature," Yale Environmental History Conference, New Haven, CT, March 2011.

Chair, "Agriculture and the State: New Directions," AHS, Winter Park, FL, June 2010.

Comment, BU-Cambridge-Princeton Political History Conference, Princeton, April 2010.

Chair and Comment, "Food, Aesthetics, and Cuisine in the Atlantic-African World," AHS, Cambridge, MA, 2006.

Courses Taught at Boston University (starting Fall 2009)

HI 152 The United States Since 1865
 HI 291 Politics of the American Environment
 HI 337 The United States, 1900-1945
 [HI 338 The United States, 1945-1968]
 [HI 401/402 Senior Honors Seminar]
 HI 467 Postwar America, 1945-1968
 HI 502 Development of Historical Thinking
 HI 852 Readings in American Political History

Other Courses Taught

Undergraduate: Food and American Life/ U.S. Between the Wars/ U.S. Since 1960
Graduate: Twentieth-Century U.S. History/ U.S. Political History/ Research Seminar

Affiliations

American Historical Association
 Organization of American Historians
 American Society of Environmental History
 Agricultural History Society (Executive Board 2009-)
 Historical Society

Boston University Departmental and University Service (beginning 2009)

Director of Undergraduate Studies, Fall 2011- [2014]
 Lead Faculty Member, Provost's RULE grant to the History Department, 2011-2012.
 History Department Undergraduate Prize committee, Spring 2010.
 CAS Representative, Faculty Council Committee on Teaching, Learning, and Instructional Resources, 2009-2010.
 Honors College Program Development Committee, co-curricular activities, Fall 2009.

BU Student Advising (beginning 2009; excluding routine undergraduate advising)

Graduate Advisor: Neal Knapp, American Studies, 2010-; Benjamin Kochan, History, 2011-
 Dissertation Committees: Melissa Graboyes (April 2010), Kate Jewell (April 2010), Carney Maley (May 2010), Katie Brownell (March 2011), Zachary Smith (Dec 2011), Anne Blaschke (2012).
 Dissertation Committees in progress: Ellen Wald, Seth Blumenthal, Ginger Myhaver.
 Senior Thesis Defense Committees (Joseph Clark, 2010; Jacob Slutsky, 2012).
 Faculty Advisor, BU Academy Senior Thesis in History (Gianpaolo Carpinito), 2009-2010.

Other Professional Service

Forest History Society, Charles A. Weyerhaeuser Book Award committee, 2011.
 Agricultural History Society, Executive Board member, 2009-2012.
 Agricultural History Society, Fite Dissertation Prize committee, 2005-2007.
 Journal submissions review: *Environmental History*; *Environment and History*; *Technology & Culture*; *Journal of Policy History*; *Journal of Southern History*; *Agricultural History*; *Journal of Urban History*
 Manuscript review: University of Chicago Press, March 2010.
 Book Proposal Review: Routledge, June 2011.
 Columbia Dissertation Committees: Sarah Vogel, Neil Young, Elizabeth Pillsbury (2nd reader), Alexander Cummings, Nicole Hemmer (2nd reader).
 University of Virginia Dissertation Committee: Laura Kolar (April 2011)
 Columbia Dissertation Committee (in progress): Nicholas Osborne
 Boston College Dissertation Committee (in progress): John Spiers
 Teaching American History (TAH) lecturer for secondary school teachers: Dec. 2004, Dec. 2007, Jan. 2008, Oct. 2008, Feb. 2010, Feb. 2012.