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Academic Positions

Assistant Professor of History, Boston University (2015-present)

- Director of Undergraduate Studies, History Department (2019-2023)
- Faculty Affiliate, American & New England Studies Program (2015-present)
- Faculty Affiliate, Institute for Global Sustainability (2022-present)

Books

Animal City: The Domestication of America (Harvard University Press, Dec., 2019)

Finalist, Shapiro Book Prize, The Huntington Library.

Reviewed as a “featured review” in the *The American Historical Review*, and featured in an *H-Environment Roundtable Review*. Also reviewed in: *The Journal of American History*, *Agricultural History*, *The Journal of Arizona History*, *Business History Review*, *Journal of Historical Geography*, *The Journal of Interdisciplinary History*, *Maclean's*, *Metropolitica*, *The Pacific Historical Review*, *Reviews in History*, and *H-Net*.

On Ice: America's Nineteenth-Century Ice Age and the Making of Modern Life

In process.

Education

Ph.D., Stanford University, Department of History (2015)

U.S. History Program

Advisor: Richard White

Dissertation: “The Animal City: Remaking Human and Animal Lives in America, 1820-1910”

M.A. Stanford University, Department of History (2011)

B.A. Brandeis University, *summa cum laude* (2004)

History, with Highest Honors

Environmental Studies

Courses Taught

History of Boston (HI 190)

Animals in America (HI 460)

American Cities (HI 316)

American Suburbs (HI 450)

The Historian's Craft (HI 200)

Senior Honors Seminar (HI 401 & HI 402)
American Historiography (HI 850)
Graduate Directed Study in American History (HI 901)

Graduate Teaching

Graduate Student Exam Fields: American History to 1865, Nineteenth Century America, Urban History, Environmental History.

Departmental and University Service

Director of Undergraduate Studies, Department of History, B.U. (2019-2023)
American and New England Studies Graduate Admissions Committee (2023)
History Department Curriculum Committee (2019-2023)
B.U. Environmental Humanities Working Group (2021-present)
Selection Committee for next History Department Chair (2022)
Hiring Committee, History Department, Senior Program Coordinator (Fall, 2021)
B.U. Social Sciences Curriculum Committee (2016-2018)
B.U. History Department Graduate Admissions Committee (2017-2018)
Advisor and Participant, B.U. Digital Education Initiative Proposal (2017-2018)
B.U. Initiative on Cities Steering Committee for Urban Studies Minor (2017)

Fellowships, Grants, and Awards

National Endowment for the Humanities Long-Term Fellowship (six months, 2022-2023),
Newberry Library (declined)
Emerging Scholars Grant and Great Topics Grant for “Critical University Studies: Legacies of
Slavery and Settler Colonialism,” Symposium (Boston University Diversity & Inclusion,
2021-2022).
Junior Faculty Fellowship, Boston University Center for the Humanities (2019)
Junior Faculty Fellowship, Boston University College of Arts and Sciences (2018)
Michael Katz Award for Best Dissertation in Urban History completed in 2015 (no geographic
restriction), Urban History Association (2016)
Weter Fellowship, Stanford University History Department (2014-2015)
Thomas D. Dee II Graduate Fellowship, Bill Lane Center for the American West, Stanford
University (2013-2014)
Mellon Dissertation Fellowship, Stanford Humanities Center (2012-2013)
Thomas D. Dee II Graduate Fellowship, Bill Lane Center for the American West, Stanford
University (2012-2013, declined)
Stanford Humanities and Sciences Graduate Research Opportunity Grant (2011-2012)
Departmental Fellowship, Stanford University History Department (2007-2012)
Teaching Fellowship, Stanford University Department of History (2011)
Attila Klein Environmental Studies Award, for excellence in environmental writing, Brandeis
University (2004)
Doris Brewer Cohen Endowment Award, for best honors thesis in the humanities, Brandeis
University (2004)

Publications

Book: *Animal City: The Domestication of America* (Harvard University Press, Dec., 2019)

“Frozen Over: Making Ice and Knowing Nature in Nineteenth-Century America,”
Environmental History, Vol. 27, no. 3 (July, 2022): 519-546.

Andrew Robichaud, “Visualizing the Animal City: Digital Experiments in Animal History,” in
Traces of the Animal Past: Methodological Challenges in Animal History, edited by Jennifer Bonnell and
Sean Kheraj. (University of Calgary Press, 2022): 281-304.

“Brighton Fair: The Life, Death, and Legacy of an Animal Suburb,” *Journal of Urban History*,
Vol. 48, no. 3 (May, 2022): 638–656. (Published online in Summer, 2021.)

“Trail of Blood” an online, interactive and descriptive peer-reviewed digital publication,
Stanford University Spatial History Project (visualizations co-created with Erik Steiner). (2010)

“Mapping the Law: The Evolution of Slaughterhouse Space, 1852-1870,” an interactive
online visualization mapping proto-zoning laws related to animal keeping and slaughtering in San
Francisco. Produced in collaboration with Liz Fenje, Mark Sanchez and Erik Steiner.

“Mapping the Animal City,” an online visualization mapping the animal economy in San
Francisco from 1860 to 1900. Produced with Liz Fenje and Erik Steiner at the Stanford Spatial
History Lab. (2012)

“San Mateo County Bay Ownership, 1877-1927,” (Historical Digital Map) with Matthew
Booker, Gabriel Lee, and Alec Norton in Matthew Booker, *Down By the Bay: San Francisco’s History
Between the Tides* (Berkeley: University of California Press, 2013).

“Morgan Oyster Company’s Bay Holdings, 1930,” (Historical Digital Map) with Matthew
Booker, Gabriel Lee, and Alec Norton.

Contributing author, “Industrial America,” chapter of *American Yamp*, an online American
history textbook (2014).

Additional Short Publications

***Animal City* Roundtable Response,** H-Environment Roundtable Review (March, 2021).

“Coasting Into Winter 2021,” *The Boston Sunday Globe*, Ideas section (January 24, 2021).

“The drama and appeal of ‘Tiger King’ is a century in the making,” *Washington Post*, Made
by History (April 2, 2020).

Book Reviews

Review of *Civilized By Beasts: Animals and Urban Change in Nineteenth-Century Dublin*, Juliana Adelman, *Agricultural History* (forthcoming).

Review of *Mad Dogs and Loose Hogs: Rabies, Medicine, and Society in an American Metropolis, 1840–1920*, Jessica Wang, *Bulletin of the History of Medicine*, Vol. 95, no. 1, (Spring, 2021): 126-128.

Review of *Red Meat Republic: A Hoof to Table History of How Beef Changed America*, Joshua Specht, *Journal of American History*, Vol. 107, no. 4 (March, 2021): 1015-1016.

Review of *Capitalist Pigs: Pigs, Pork, and Power in America*, J. L. Anderson, *Journal of Social History*, Vol. 54, no. 1 (July, 2019): 413-415.

Podcast and Radio Appearances

New Books Network Podcast (January, 2021)

Living on Earth (Public Radio Exchange and NPR) (May 22, 2020)

Shape of the World Podcast (May, 2020)

Work featured in: WHYY Public Radio's "The Pulse," *BU Today*, and BU's *arts&sciences* magazine

Selected Talks and Conference Presentations

"Frozen Time: Ice and the Political Economy of Dead Meat." American Studies For the Future, with comment and keynote by Walter Johnson (November 8, 2022)

"Ice Trade East and West" for "Winter Landscapes" Panel, Western History Association. (Fall, 2022.)

"Frozen Time: Ice and the Political Economy of Dead Meat." Boston University History Department Works in Progress Series, Boston, MA (April, 2022).

"What's the Matter with Environmental History? New Perspectives on Material- and Commodity-Centered Scholarship." Roundtable, American Society for Environmental History Conference (moved to virtual, April 10, 2022).

Keynote Panel, "Crisis and Change across the Anthropocene: Environments, Conflicts, and Inequalities," Graduate Conference at Northeastern University (April 9, 2022)

"Contesting Identities in 19th Century Urban America," Comment, American Political History Institute Conference, Boston University (April 8, 2022).

"Frozen Time: Ice and the Political Economy of Dead Meat." Boca Longa Conference, Boston, MA (March, 2022).

"Animal City: The Domestication of America," Animal History Group (London) (virtual, February 16, 2022)

“Frozen Over: Boston’s Nineteenth Century Ice Age.” Concord Museum (moved to virtual, January 25, 2022)

“Animal City: The Domestication of America” Book Talk, UCLA, US History Series (March 2, 2021)

“Animal City: A Fireside Chat” with Catherine McNeur, co-sponsored by BU Initiative on Cities and the BU History Department. (Feb. 9, 2021)

“Winter’s Crop,” Hanford Mills Museum (virtual) (February 4, 2021).

“Frozen Over: Boston’s Nineteenth Century Ice Age,” Lowell Lecture Series, sponsored by the Paul Revere House (virtual) (September 22, 2020).

“The Animal City and the Making of the Modern City.” Boston University Initiative on Cities – Canceled because of covid (March 24, 2020).

“Visualizing the Animal City.” Keynote Speaker, Environmental Humanities Symposium CNY Humanities Corridor, Syracuse University (March 6, 2020).

“Animal City: Remaking Human and Animal Life in Nineteenth-Century America.” Massachusetts Institute of Technology Seminar on Environmental and Agricultural History (February 21, 2020).

“Animal City: The Domestication of America.” Massachusetts Historical Society, Boston, MA (January 27, 2020).

“Destination: Boston: Immigration, Migration, and the Making of the Modern City.” Massachusetts Historical Society, Boston, MA (December 9, 2019).

“Reconstructing the Animal City: Challenges and Discoveries.” Traces of the Animal Past Conference, York University, Toronto, Canada (November 7-8, 2019).

“Brighton Fair: The Life and Death of an Animal Suburb.” Massachusetts Historical Society Environmental History Seminar, Boston, MA (October, 2019).

“On Ice: Transformations in American Life.” Northeast and Atlantic Region Environmental History Forum, Boston, MA (June, 2019).

“The Life and Death of the Animal Suburb.” Boston-California-London Conference, London, UK (May, 2019).

“An Ongoing Conversation: Historical Inspirations for Urban Action.” American Society of Environmental History, Columbus, Ohio (April, 2019).

“Frederic Tudor’s ‘Slippery Speculation:’ The Origins of the American Ice Trade.” Boston University Center for the Humanities, Boston, MA (April, 2019).

“On Ice: Transformations in American Life.” Boston University History Department Works in Progress series, Boston, MA (April, 2019).

“Object Lessons: Profits and Pitfalls in Writing Histories of Commodities.” (Organizer) Roundtable for the Organization of American Historians Conference, Philadelphia, PA (March, 2019).

“Brighton Fair: Livestock and Slaughterhouse Regulation in Nineteenth Century Boston.” European Society for the History of Science, London, UK (September, 2018).

“The Animal City.” New Directions in Modern U.S. History Conference, Boston, MA (April, 20, 2018).

“Frederic Tudor’s ‘Slippery Speculation:’ The Origins of the American Ice Trade.” Massachusetts Historical Society, Environmental History Seminar, Boston, MA (April 10, 2018).

“Working Like a Dog: Dog Power in Nineteenth Century America.” American Society for Environmental History Conference, Chicago, IL (March, 2017).

“The War on Butchers: San Francisco and the Making of Animal Space, 1850-1870.” Massachusetts Historical Society, Immigration and Urban History Seminar, Boston, MA (March 29, 2016).

“The Animal City: Remaking and Rethinking Urban Life in the Nineteenth Century.” Invited talk, Bowdoin College (March 7, 2016).

“Beasts to Besties: Our Relationship to Animals” Interview for “The Human Angle” podcast, Stanford Humanities Center and the Stanford Division of Literatures, Cultures and Languages. (June, 2015)

“Animal City and the Practice of Spatial History: Findings, Challenges and Possibilities for Teaching.” Gilder Lehrman Institute, Gilded Age Seminar, Stanford University. (July, 2014)

Media Features

- Susana Guerrero, “Loathsome dungeons’: Remembering San Francisco’s disturbing slaughterhouses,” SF Gate (January 25, 2022). Online: <https://www.sfgate.com/food/history/article/Butchertown-was-San-Francisco-slaughterhouses-16749759.php>
- Jeremy Schwab, “In *Animal City*, CAS Historian Traces the History of Livestock in US Cities,” *BU Today* (Feb. 9, 2021)
 - <https://www.bu.edu/articles/2021/in-animal-city-cas-traces-the-history-of-livestock-in-us-cities/>
- Jeremy Schwab, “Animal City: How the messy world of livestock raising was banished from U.S. cities—and replaced by pets, zoos, and children’s tales,” *arts&sciences* magazine (May 18, 2020)
 - <https://www.bu.edu/cas/animal-city/>

- Devin Hahn and Amy Laskowski, “Tracing the History of New England’s Ice Trade: BU history professor studies long-gone industry, and how climate change would have made it virtually impossible today.” Video and article for BU’s “The Brink.” (February 4, 2022)
 - <https://www.bu.edu/articles/2022/tracing-the-history-of-new-england-ice-trade/>
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Additional Research and Publications

Researcher and Primary Investigator, Stanford Spatial History Lab and Stanford Center for Spatial and Textual Analysis (CESTA) (2009 - 2015)

Directed and managed collaborative research projects involving undergraduates, technical experts, and professors using digital and spatial analysis to study historical data sets.
spatialhistory.stanford.edu

Additional Professional Service

Massachusetts Historical Society Environmental History Seminar, Steering Committee Member (2021-present)

Co-Organizer, “Critical University Studies: Legacies of Slavery and Settler Colonialism,” Symposium at Boston University (March 2022)

Local Arrangements Committee Member, Annual Meeting of American Society for Environmental History in Boston, 2021 and 2023. (2017-present)

Organizer, “Works in Progress” Seminar, Boston University History Department (2019-present).

Referee for *Environmental History*, *Journal of Agrarian Change*, and *Environment and History*

Professional Affiliations

Organization of American Historians (OAH)
American Historical Association (AHA)
American Society for Environmental History (ASEH)
Urban History Association (UHA)
Western History Association (WHA)
Massachusetts Historical Society
H-Environment, H-Animal, H-Urban, H-West