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EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy, History, 1994, University of Michigan
Master of Arts, History 1991, University of Michigan
Bachelor of Arts, College of Letters, 1986, Wesleyan University

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- 2010-11 Fulbright Distinguished Chair in American Studies, University of Southern Denmark.
- 2003 National Science Foundation Scholar Award.
- 1999 Abel Wolman Award for best book in public works history. Prize given annually by American Public Works Association and Public Works Historical Society.
- 1999 Trent R. Dames Civil Engineering History Fellow, Huntington Library, San Marino, California
- 1996 W. M. Keck Foundation Fellow, Huntington Library
- 1989 Research Fellow, Urban Harbors Institute, University of Massachusetts
- 1986 Phi Beta Kappa

PUBLICATIONS

In Progress

- Influence: Interest Groups, Cities and Environmental Politics from the 1920s to the 1950s.* Under review, University of North Carolina Press.
- "Water Development and Nationalism: Spain and the United States Compared," in preparation for *Environmental History*.
- "Interlocal Cooperation in Metropolitan Boston: The Consequences of Urban Political Competition, 1870-1890," in preparation for *Journal of Urban History*.

Books

- Bay Cities and Water Politics: The Battle for Resources in Boston and Oakland, 1880-1930*, University Press of Kansas, 1998.
- Public Works and Public Health: Reflections on Urban Politics and Environment, 1880-1925*, in *Essays in Public Works History*, no. 19, Public Works Historical Society, 1999.

Articles

- "The Nature and Business of War: Drilling for Oil in World War II Los Angeles," in *Cities in Nature: Urban Environments of the American West, Essays in Honor of Hal K. Rothman*, ed. by Char Miller, in press.

- "Environmental Inequality and the Urbanization of West Coast Watersheds," *Pacific Historical Review*, 75:1 (2006).
- "Black Gold and the Beach: Offshore Oil, Beaches and Federal Power in Southern California," *Journal of the West*, 44:1 (2005).
- "Los Angeles Nature: Urban Environmental Politics in the Twentieth Century," in *City, Country, Empire: New Directions in Environmental History*, ed. by Jeffry M. Diefendorf and Kurk Dorsey, University of Pittsburgh Press, 2005.
- "Public Oil, Private Oil: The Tidelands Oil Controversy, World War II and the Control of the Environment," in *The Way We Really Were: The Golden State in the Second Great War*, ed. by Roger Lotchin, University of Illinois Press, 2000.
- "Building a Better Jungle: Growth, Reform and Public Works in American Cities, 1880-1930," *Journal of Urban History*, 24:1 (1997).
- "Industry and Water Distribution in California: The East Bay Municipal Utility District, 1920-1930," *Environmental History Review*, 18:4 (1994).
- "Belle Isle Marsh: Environmental Education in an Urban Park," *New England Journal of Environmental Education*, 4:1 (1989).
- "Boston Harbor" and "Quabbin Reservoir," *Encyclopedia of New England*, Yale University Press, 2005.

Book Reviews

- The Landscape of Reform: Civic Pragmatism and Environment Thought in America*, by Ben A. Minter, *Isis: Journal of the History of Science in Society*, 99:3 (2008).
- Political Waters: The Long, Dirty, Contentious, Incredibly Expensive but Eventually Triumphant History of Boston Harbor – A Unique Environmental Success Story*, by Eric Jay Dolin, *Technology and Culture*, 47:1 (2006)
- Inventing the Charles River*, by Karl Haglund, *Journal of American History*, 90:4 (2004).
- Redefining Efficiency: Pollution Concerns, Regulatory Mechanisms and Technological Change in the U. S. Petroleum Industry*, by Hugh S. Gorman, *Pacific Historical Review*, 72:2 (2003).
- Ties that Bind: Economic and Political Dilemmas of Urban Utility Networks, 1800-1990*, by Charles David Jacobson, *Technology and Culture*, 43:3 (2002).
- Don't Breathe the Air: Air Pollution and U. S. Environmental Politics*, by Scott Hamilton Dewey, *Environmental History*, 6:1 (2001).
- Water for Gotham*, by Gerard T. Koeppel, *Journal of American History*, 88:1 (2001).
- William Mulholland and the Rise of Los Angeles*, by Catherine Mulholland, H-California and H-Urban Reviews (October 2000)
- Explorations in Environmental History: Essays by Samuel P. Hays*, edited by Joel A. Tarr, *Pacific Historical Review*, 69:1 (2000).
- Environmental Politics: Domestic and Global Dimensions*, by Jacqueline Vaughn Switzer and Gary Bryner, *Environmental History*, 3:4 (1998).
- Galveston and the Great West*, by Earle B. Young, *Journal of American History*, 85:3 (1998).
- The Search for the Ultimate Sink: Urban Pollution in Historical Perspective*, by Joel A. Tarr, *Planning Perspectives*, 12:2 (1998).
- Bless the Pure and Humble: Texas Lawyers and Oil Regulation, 1919-1936*, by Nicholas George Malavis, *Journal of American History*, 84:2 (1997).

All the Modern Conveniences: American Household Plumbing, 1840-1890, by Maureen Ogle, H-Urban and H-Net Reviews, (1997).

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Associate Professor San Diego State University, 2002-present
Graduate Seminar in United States Environmental History
Graduate Seminar in United States Political History
Graduate Seminar in the History of Los Angeles
Press, Politics and Environment in U. S. History
Unnatural Disasters: The History of Current Environmental Crisis
Environmental History of the United States
History of Water in the American West
Undergraduate Research Seminar on Tourism in the American West
The City in American History
Historical methods and historiography
United States History for Teachers

Assistant Professor San Diego State University, 2000 - 2002

Assistant Professor University of Wisconsin at Stevens Point, 1995 - 2000

Lecturer University of Wisconsin at Stevens Point, 1994-95

Teaching Assistant University of Michigan, 1989-91

INVITED LECTURES

"The Energy Capital of Southern California: Los Angeles," Energy Capitals Workshop, Houston, May 2010.

"Political Infrastructure: Water and Politics in the Twentieth Century," What is a City? Urban Infrastructure and Community Life conference, University of Missouri – St. Louis, October 2009.

"Water Conflicts and Water Policies," Water and Politics in Southern California: A Retrospective on the Centennial of the Los Angeles Aqueduct workshop, Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles, California, October 2008.

"Significance of Environmental History to the History of Technology," Society for the History of Technology 50th Anniversary Workshop, George Mason University, October 2007.

"Environmental War Stories from Los Angeles," Boston University, September 2007.

"Citizens without Standing: Los Angeles Politics at the Beach," Huntington Library, September 2005.

"Conservation and Exploitation: Environmental War Stories from the United States," Environmental History of Israel Seminar, sponsored by Yad Ben-Zvi Research Institute and Tel Aviv University Jerusalem, Neve Ilan, Israel, June 2005.

"Public Priorities: Los Angeles and the Environment" The Nature of Cities: New Perspectives in Urban Environmental History Symposium, Princeton University, December 2003.

Participant, Urban Section of the "Tensions in Europe" project, jointly funded by the National Science Foundation and the European Union, York, England, April 2003.

- "Striking a Balance at Hoover Dam: Southern California Edison, Public Power and Fear of Big Government in the 1930s," United States Bureau of Reclamation Centennial History Symposium, July 2002.
- "Selling the Cold War: Manipulating Fear to Promote Policy in Los Angeles," The City in North America conference, Mexico City, October 2001.
- "Los Angeles Nature: Urban Environmental Politics in the Twentieth Century," Dunfey Conference on Environmental History, University of New Hampshire, April 2001.
- "Dirty Politics: Stories from the Environmental History of America's Cities," San Diego, September 2000.
- "For the Public or for Industry: Corporate Influence on Los Angeles' Environmental Policy in the Early Twentieth Century," Chicago Historical Society Urban History Seminar, November 1998.
- "Public Oil, Private Oil: The Tidelands Oil Controversy and Control of Natural Resources in World War II," World War II and California Conference, Huntington Library, San Marino, California, 1995.

PAPER PRESENTATIONS

- "Water Development and Nationalism: Spain and the United States Compared," American Society for Environmental History, Portland, Oregon, March 2010.
- "Owning Nature: Property Rights and the Environment," World Congress of Environmental History, Copenhagen, August 2009.
- "Environmentalism, Tourism, and Federalism in Waterfront Redevelopment," Urban History Association Conference, Houston, Texas, November 2008.
- "A Coastal Landscape Preserved: Oil, Recreation, Urban Development and a Bid for Federal Control in Los Angeles," American Society for Environmental History, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, March 2007.
- "Western Urban History," Urban History Association, Tempe, Arizona, October 2006.
- "Unexpected Barriers to Landscapes of Leisure: Race and the Beach in Los Angeles," American Society for Environmental History, Saint Paul, Minnesota, March 2006.
- "Problems of Political Rhetoric" Social Science History Association, Portland, Oregon, November 2005.
- "Energy and Fear of the Fed: The Politics of Private Power Development at Hoover Dam," Economic and Business History Society, Anaheim, April 2004.
- "Environmental Inequality and the Urbanization of West Coast Watersheds," American Society for Environmental History, Victoria, B. C., March 2004.
- "Voices in Technology: Los Angeles' Not Quite Democratic Environmental Policies of the 1930s, 1940s and 1950s," Society for the History of Technology, Atlanta, 2003.
- "Politics on the Beach: The Public Good, Development and Policy in Southern California, 1910-1950" Social Sciences History Association Conference, Saint Louis, October 2002.
- "The Public Good: Resource Policy and Southern California, 1910-1950" American Society for Environmental History, Denver, March 2002.
- "When Private Meets Public: Interest Group Politics and Frontiers of Public Policy in Cold War Los Angeles," Society for the History of Technology, San Jose, October 2001.

- "The Los Angeles River: Politics, Federal Power, and the Public Good," Western History Association, San Diego, October 2001.
- "Air Pollution and the Automobile in Los Angeles Politics, 1943 to 1960," American Environmental History, Durham, March 2001.
- "Visceral Sanitation: A Comparative Look at Metropolitan Public Works, 1870-1925," Social Science History Association, Pittsburgh, October 2000.
- "Water and Power: Urban Growth and Environmental Politics in Nineteenth Century Massachusetts," New England Popular Culture Association, November 2000.
- "Selling the Cold War: Manipulating Fear to Promote Policy in Los Angeles," American Environmental History, Tacoma, 2000.
- "Urban and Rural Water Use in the West," Pacific Coast Branch - American Historical Association, Maui, 1999.
- "Visceral Sanitation: Moral Environmentalism and Public Works in Urban Politics," American Society for Environmental History, Tucson, 1999.
- "Development and Depression in California," Panel Commentator, Economic and Business History Society, Milwaukee, 1998.
- "Environmental History for Public Policy" discussion moderator, Gold and Green Conference, Santa Cruz, 1998.
- "Industry and Public Good in California Resource Policy" American Society for Environmental History, Baltimore, 1997.
- "Regionalism in Urban Water Systems: Comparing the Boston and Oakland Experiences," American Society for Environmental History, Las Vegas, 1995.
- "The Environmental History of World War II," Forum on World War II, Stevens Point, 1995.
- "Metropolitan Water Systems and Water Distribution in California," American Society for Environmental History, Pittsburgh, 1993.
- "The East Bay Municipal Utility District," University of Michigan, 1993.
- "More than the Sum of Its Pipes: Toward Regional Management of Boston's Sewers, 1870-1890," American Society for Environmental History, Houston, 1991.

PUBLIC LECTURES

- "Environmental Politics," Center for Regional Sustainability, San Diego State University, 2009.
- "The River Running through It: Yosemite and California Water Wars," Yosemite National Park, 2006.
- "Boston and the History of Sewage," Newton North High School, Newton, 2001 and 2002.
- "Medford, Boston and the Creation of Regional Water and Sewerage Systems," Booksellers Café, Medford, 1999.
- "The Environmental History of World War II," Forum on World War II, Stevens Point, 1995.

GRANTS

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| 2007 | San Diego State University Research, Scholarly and Creative Activity Grant |
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| 2001 | San Diego State University Faculty Development Program Grant |

- 1999 Historical Society of Southern California/Haynes Foundation Grant
- 1995-97 University of Wisconsin Development grants
- 1992 Sourrisseau Academy Grant for the Study of California History
- 1992 University of Michigan Department of History Grant
- 1991 John D. Pierce Scholarship, University of Michigan
- 1991 Edward S. Beck Fellowship, University of Michigan

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Citizens Advisory Board, Old Town San Diego State Historic Park concessions, 2009

Consulting Historian, Old Town San Diego State Historic Park, 2006 - present.

National Organizations:

Pacific Coast Branch American Historical Association

Board of Directors, 2008 - present

American Society for Environmental History

Board of Directors, 1998-2001, 2002-present

Site Selection Committee, 2003 – present, currently chair of committee

Board Liaison to Graduate Students, 2000-2004

Development Committee, 2001-2004

George Perkins Marsh Book Prize Committee, 2000-2001

Rachel Carson Dissertation Prize Committee, 1999-2000

Editor, Environmental History syllabus and conference abstract collections

Co-Editor, World Wide Web Page, 1996-2003

Nominating Committee, 1995

Public Works Historical Society

Board of Trustees, 1999-2004

Chair, Prize Committee, 1999-2000

Visiting Scholar, Urban and Environmental Policy Department, Tufts University, 1999.

Manuscript Reviewer, *Environmental History*, *Pacific Historical Review*, *Journal of American History*, *Technology and Culture*, *Isis*, University California Press, and Harcourt-Brace textbook division.

Interviewed by Kirk Johnson of the *New York Times* on historical contexts and possible environmental and political consequences of the September 11 attacks. October 2002.

Interviewed by Megumi Sasaki of Japanese Public Television on the history of the American Environmental Movement. May 1998.

San Diego State University

Academic advisor for Environmental Studies major

College Research and Sabbaticals Committees

Department Committees: Executive Committee, Sabbatical and Leaves (chair),

Curriculum, Scholarship, Western US Search, Tenure and Promotion Liaison

Coordinator, public history internship program

University of Wisconsin -- Stevens Point:

Re-designed College of Letters and Science environmental studies minor.

Chair, Environmental curriculum committee.

Representative to Technology Summit, and Curricular Objectives workshops.

Participant, Wisconsin Women in Higher Education Leadership.
Department of History committees: Assessment, Curriculum, Graduate, Library, Scholarship Awards (chair), Salary and Merit (chair), Student Activities, and Technology (chair).
Faculty Mentor for Baldwin Residence Hall; Faculty Advisor for 10% Society and Karate club.

Secondary Schools:

Wisconsin Alignment Project, 1999 - 2000, to improve continuity between Wisconsin high school academic standards and state university curricula in history.

Presentations, 1996 - 2002, on environmental history, water resource policy and American history to high school geology, physical science, and advanced placement history classes.

Competition Judge, National History Day, Stevens Point, Wisconsin, 1995-1997.

School Programs Coordinator and Historical Interpreter, Belle Isle Marsh Reservation and Boston Harbor Islands State Park, Metropolitan District Commission, Massachusetts, 1986-89.

MEMBERSHIPS

American Historical Association, American Society for Environmental History, Public Works Historical Society, Society for the History of Technology, Urban History Association, Western History Association, California Council for the Promotion of History