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EDUCATION

- 2005 Certificate, Science Technology and Environmental Policy, Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs.
2004 Ph.D., History (History of Science), Princeton University. Dissertation: "The Promise of Wilderness: A History of American Environmental Politics, 1964-1994."
1996 A.M., American Civilization, Brown University.
1995 B.S., Independent Studies, Washington and Lee University. Honors thesis. *Summa cum laude*.
1993-94 Visiting student, University College, Oxford University.

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- 2013- Wellesley College, Environmental Studies Program, Associate Professor
2006-13 Wellesley College, Environmental Studies Program, Assistant Professor
2005-6 Cornell University, Science and Technology Studies, Visiting Assistant Professor
2004-5 Gettysburg College, Environmental Studies and History Departments, Adjunct Assistant Professor
2003-4 Princeton University, Writing Program, Quin Morton Writing Instructor
2003 College of New Jersey, Department of History, Adjunct Instructor

BOOKS

- 2012 *The Promise of Wilderness: American Environmental Politics since 1964*. Weyerhaeuser Environmental Books (Seattle: University of Washington Press, 2012).
2018 *The Republican Reversal: Conservatives and the Environment from Reagan to Trump*. (Cambridge: Harvard University Press, forthcoming in fall 2018), co-authored with Andrew C. Isenberg.

PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

- 2015* "Extended Producer Responsibility for Single-Use Batteries in the European Union, Canada, and the United States," *Journal of Industrial Ecology* (November 2015), doi:10.1111/jiec.12351.
2015* "Following the Pb: An Envirotechnical Approach to Lead-Acid Batteries in the United States," *Environmental History* 20, no. 1 (January 2015), 29-56.
2014* "Rethinking American Exceptionalism: Toward a Transnational History of National Parks, Wilderness, and Protected Areas," in *Oxford Handbook of Environmental History* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2014), 282-308.
2014* "Counting Carbon: The Politics of Carbon Footprints and Climate Governance from the Individual to the Global," *Global Environmental Politics* 14, no. 1 (February 2014), 59-78.
2014* Alden B. Griffith, Monica R. Higgins, James Morton Turner, "A Rooftop Revolution? A Multidisciplinary Analysis of State-Level Residential Solar Programs in New Jersey and Massachusetts," *Journal of Environmental Studies and Science*, 4 (2014), 163-171.
2009 "'The Specter of Environmentalism': Wilderness, Environmental Politics, and the Evolution of the New Right," *Journal of American History* 96, no 1. (June 2009), 123-149.
2008 "'Woodcraft to Leave No Trace': Wilderness, Consumerism, and Environmentalism in Twentieth-Century America," reprinted in J. Baird Callicott and Michael Nelson, *The Wilderness Debate Rages On: Continuing the Great New Wilderness Debate* (Athens: University of Georgia Press, 2008), 137-169.
2007 "Wilderness and Contemporary America" in Michael Lewis, ed., *American Wilderness: A New History* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2007), 243-262.
2006 "Conservation Science and Forest Service Policy for Roadless Areas," *Conservation Biology* 20, no. 3 (June 2006), 713-722.
2002 "'Woodcraft to Leave No Trace': Wilderness, Consumerism, and Environmentalism in Twentieth-Century America," *Environmental History* 7, no. 3 (July 2002), 462-484.
1999 "Digging Tunnels, Building an Identity: Sandhogs in New York City, 1874-1906," *New York History: Journal of the New York Historical Society* 80, no. 1 (1999): 29-70.

WORKS-IN-PROGRESS

- 2018 “Legacies for the Common Good,” *Modern American History* (Forthcoming 2018).
~2019* “Closing the Circle: Lead-Acid Batteries, a Culture of Mobility, and the Future of Sustainability,” book-length project on the environmental history of batteries. Under contract with Weyerhaeuser Environmental Series, University of Washington Press. Anticipated publication 2019.

REVIEWS

- 2016* Paul S. Sutter, *Let Us Now Praise Famous Gullies: Providence Canyon and the Soils of the South*, essay for H-NET Roundtable, Summer 2016.
2014* Brian Allen Drake, *Loving Nature, Fearing the State: Environmentalism and Antigovernment Politics before Reagan* in the *American Historical Review* 119, no. 4 (2014), 1310-1311.
2012 Mark Fiege, *The Republic of Nature: An Environmental History of the United States* in the *Journal of American History* 99, no. 3, December 2012, 865-867.
2010 Kevin Marsh, *Drawing Lines in the Forest: Creating Wilderness Areas in the Pacific Northwest* in *The Oregon Historical Quarterly*, 111 no. 3 (2010), 394-396.
2008 Carolyn Merchant, *American Environmental History: An Introduction* in *The Quarterly Review of Biology*, 83 no. 4 (2008), 393.
2007 Samuel P. Hays, *War in the Woods: The Rise of Ecological Forestry in America* in the *Journal of American History* 94, no. 3, December 2007, 1013-1014.
2007 Thomas G. Smith, *Green Republican: John Saylor and the Preservation of America's Wilderness* in *Environmental History* 12, no. 2 (2007), 425-426.
2001 Donald Worster, *A River Running West: The Life of John Wesley Powell* in *Wild Earth* 11, no. 3 (2001), 73-74.
2001 Peter Derrick, *Tunneling to the Future* in *New York History: Journal of the New York Historical Society* (2001), 119-121.
2000 Gerald Koppel, *Water for Gotham* in *New York History: Journal of the New York Historical Society*, (2000), 495-497.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- 2016* “Batteries and Environmental Sustainability,” <http://batteriesandsustainability.org>. Launched a website probing sustainability concerns in the context of batteries and the environment based on research conducted as part of NSF grant.
2015* “Lead threatens health of millions of Americans,” op-ed with Christopher Sellers, *CNN.com* (October 2015).
2014* “Protect More land with the 50th Anniversary of Wilderness Act,” op-ed, *Seattle Times* (September 2014).
2010 “James Watt,” “Wilderness,” and “Wilderness Society” in Kathleen A. Brosnan, ed., *Encyclopedia of American Environmental History* (New York: Facts on File, 2010).
2009 “The Specter of Environmentalism: A Teaching Portfolio,” *Teaching the Journal of American History* (June 2009). http://archive.oah.org/special-issues/teaching/2009_06/index-2.html. Launched a website on teaching environmental politics as a part of the *Journal of American History's* teaching portfolio.
2006 “Wilderness protection,” in James Ciment, ed., *Social Issues in America: An Encyclopedia* (New York: M.E. Sharpe, 2006).
2001 “Wilderness east...Reclaiming history,” *Wild Earth* 11, no. 1 (2001), 12-19.
2000 “Charting the early (intellectual) geography of American environmentalism, 1880-1920,” *Wild Earth* 10, no. 2 (2000), 18-25.

PAPERS PRESENTED AT PROFESSIONAL MEETINGS

- 2016 “Closing the Circle: An Environmental History of Lead-Acid Batteries,” at Making Class Work Conference, SUNY-Stonybrook, June 2016.
2016 “Recycling Batteries in a Throw-away Society,” at American Society for Environmental History Conference in Seattle, WA, April 2016.
2015 “Tracing the Roots of American Environmental Movements,” Roundtable Paper at American Society for Environmental History, Washington, D.C., April 2015.

- 2015 “Recycling Batteries in a Throw-away Society: An Envirotechnical History,” Poster, American Society for Environmental History Conference in Washington, D.C., April 2015.
- 2014 “Following the Lead: A Systems-Based Approach to the Environmental History of the Lead-Acid Battery,” at American Society for Environmental History Conference in San Francisco, CA, March 2014.
- 2013 “Recycling Lead: Lead-Acid Batteries and the Paradoxes of the Environmental Regulatory State,” at American Society for Environmental History Conference in Toronto, ON, April 2013.
- 2012 “Starter Batteries and the Legacies of Mining in the Tri-State Mining District,” at American Society for Environmental History Conference in Madison, WI, April 2012.
- 2010 “Earth Day at Forty,” at American Society for Environmental History Conference in Portland, Oregon, March 2010.
- 2009 “The Roadless Rule and the Political Landscape of American Environmentalism,” at American Society for Environmental History Conference in Tallahassee, FL, February 2009.
- 2008 “Teaching Environmental History in an Environmental Studies Program,” at American Society for Environmental History Conference in Boise, ID, March 2008.
- 2007 “Wilderness and American Liberalism,” at American Society for Environmental History Conference in Baton Rouge, LA, April 2007.
- 2006 “Thinking Big: Conservation Biology and Public Lands Politics, 1975-2000,” at History of Science Society in Vancouver, BC, October, 2006.
- 2004 “The Prophets of Wilderness,” American Society for Environmental History Conference in Victoria, B.C., April 2004.
- 2003 “Wilderness Fragmentation: Wilderness and American Environmental Politics in the early 1980s,” American Society of Environmental History Conference in Providence, RI, March 2003.

SELECTED INVITED LECTURES AND PRESENTATIONS

- 2018* “The Republican Reversal: Conservatives, Climate Change, and Global Environmental Governance,” Albright Institute, Wellesley College, January 2018.
- 2017* “Climate Change Action at the State Level,” Wellesley Resistance, June 2017.
- 2017* “Red Sky at Morning: The Future of the Climate at the Start of the Trump Administration,” Wellesley College Alumnae Society, May 2017.
- 2017* Presenter, Wellesley College Teach-in for the March for Science, March 2017.
- 2017* Roundtable on Trump Administration’s Environmental Policy hosted by Enact, Wellesley’s environmental organization, February 2017.
- 2017* “Red Storm at Morning: The Trump Administration and the Future of the Climate,” Albright Institute, Wellesley College, January 2017.
- 2016* “Closing the Circle: Lead-Acid Batteries and the Future of Sustainability,” Northeastern University, April 2016.
- 2015* “Batteries and a Culture of Mobility,” Davidson College, October 2015.
- 2015* “Roots and Branches of U.S. Environmentalism,” John F. Kennedy Presidential Library, U.S. Environmental History Summer Seminar, July 2015.
- 2015* “Freedom of Information Act and Environmental History Research,” National Archives Workshop at American Society for Environmental History Conference, 2015.
- 2014* “Batteries and a Culture of Mobility,” Bowdoin College, November 2014.
- 2014* “Batteries and a Culture of Mobility,” Science Faculty Seminar Series, Wellesley College March 2014.
- 2014* Texas Campaign for the Environment, “Batteries and a Culture of Mobility” via conference call, July 2014.
- 2014* Communities for a Better Environment, “Following the Lead: Environmental Sustainability and the Secondary Lead Industry,” Huntington Park, CA, July 2014.
- 2014* “Using a Collection of .0002 Acre ‘Farms’ to Engage Students in Science across Disciplines,” with Mia Howard for the Wellesley College Friends of the Botanical Gardens Annual Meeting, June 2014.
- 2014* “Wilderness and the Myths of American Environmentalism” for Tucson Festival of Books, University of Arizona, March 2014.
- 2012 “Rachel Carson and *Silent Spring* at 50,” Bacon Library, Natick, MA, April 2012.
- 2012 “History of the Wilderness Act,” Commercial Outfitting and the Wilderness Act, Uncommon Dialogue, Woods Center for the Environment, Stanford University, February 2012.

- 2010 “‘Red + Blue = Green?’ History, Partisanship, and American Environmental Politics” at Environmental Studies Colloquium Series, Middlebury College, Middlebury, VT, March 2010.
- 2007 “‘Red + Blue = Green?’ History, Partisanship, and American Environmental Politics” at Environmental Studies Lunch, Williams College, Williamstown, MA, November 2007.
- 2007 “The Specter of Environmentalism: Wilderness, Liberalism, and American Environmental Politics,” for Boston University’s Department of Geography and Environment Seminar, April 2007.

SELECTED AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- 2014* Honorable Mention, Best Poster Award, American Society for Environmental History Conference for “Follow the Lead: A Systems-Based Approach to Lead-Acid Batteries.
- 2013* Charles A. Weyerhaeuser Book Award awarded by the Forest History Society to *The Promise of Wilderness* for the best book published in forest and conservation history in 2012.
- 2012 National Science Foundation, Science, Technology, and Society, “Unplugged: An Envirotechnical Approach to Batteries, the Environment, and Questions of Sustainability,” \$92,899. 2012-2014
- 2012 National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship, “Batteries and a Culture of Mobility,” \$33,600
- 2011-12 Newhouse Center for the Humanities Fellow, Wellesley College
- 2010 Honorable Mention, Alice Hamilton Award, American Society for Environmental History. My article, “The Specter of Environmentalism” was recognized with an honorable mention in the competition for the best article published the previous year outside of the journal *Environmental History*.
- 2009 *The Journal of American History* selected my article, ‘The Specter of Environmentalism’ as one of two to be included in the *Teaching the Journal of American History Series*, a web-based teaching portfolio aimed at college instructors, in 2009.
- 2000 Kerr History Prize for best article published in *New York History* in 1999

COURSES TAUGHT AT WELLESLEY COLLEGE

Food, Agriculture, and Environmental Sustainability; Introduction to Sustainability; Environment and Society: Addressing Climate Change; The Places of Nature; U.S. Environmental History; Cultures of Environmentalism; Environmental Communication and Synthesis; Sustainability Capstone Course, U.S. Environmental Politics.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Society for Environmental History, Forest History Society, American Environmental Studies and Sciences Association

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL, INSTITUTIONAL, AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

- Professional Service
- 2016-18* Member, Nominating Committee, American Society for Environmental History
- 2011-12 Member, Rachel Carson Committee Dissertation Prize Selection Committee, American Society for Environmental History
- 2009-13 Dissertation Committee Member for Jennifer Thompson, Department of History of Science, Harvard University

Reviewer: Yale University Press (2), Columbia University Press, University of Washington Press (4), University of Georgia Press, University of Kansas Press, Cambridge University Press, *Journal of American History*, *Environmental History*, *Environment and History*, *Pacific Historical Review*, *Register of Kentucky Historical Society*, *Social Studies of Science*, *Professional Geographer*, *Material Culture*, *Journal of Natural Resources Policy Research*.

- Wellesley College
- 2017-19* Trustee Subcommittee on Investment Responsibility
- 2013-16* Chair, Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability
- 2013-14* Director, Environmental Studies Program

2011-13 Trustee Proxy Voting Subcommittee
2009-10 Committee on Lectures and Cultural Events

Community Service

2015-6 Lead volunteer and organizer for Solarize Mass Natick. Led a volunteer team (including Wellesley College students) in partnership with town representatives and local solar installer that resulted in 156 contracts, \$4.5 million in new solar installations, and \$75,000 in non-profit donations in the town of Natick. It was the most successful of more than 55 such programs sponsored by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts since 2010.