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EMPLOYMENT

Clemson University Assistant Professor of History	2024 –
Eastern Illinois University Assistant Professor of History Public History Minor Coordinator	2020 – 2024

EDUCATION

University of Rochester, Rochester, NY Ph.D. History (2019), M.A. History (2015) Advisor: Thomas Slaughter	2014 – 2019
Central Michigan University, Mt. Pleasant, MI M.A. History	2012 – 2014
University of Utah, Salt Lake City, UT B.A. History	2007 – 2011

PUBLICATIONS

Books

(Under Contract) *Austere Country: American Environments in the Neoliberal Age*. Lincoln: The University of Nebraska Press.

The Roots of Flower City: Horticulture, Empire, and the Remaking of Rochester, New York. Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 2024.

Articles

“Playing Gaia: Simulation, Science, and the Significance of Video Games for Environmental History,” *Environmental History* 31, no. 1 (2026): 171-184.

“In Search of a Postextractive Future: Ruin, Recreation, and Militarism in the Upper Midwest,” *Agricultural History* 99, no. 4 (2025): 663-680. *(Winner of the Dorothy Schwieder Award for best article from the Midwestern History Association, 2025)*

“The Nature of Illinois: Storytelling, Podcasts, and the Classroom,” *Agricultural History* 97, no. 4 (2023): 662-667.

“Unearthing the Past: A Midwestern Environmental History,” *The Middle West Review* 10, no. 1 (2023): 11-15. (Co-authored with Jennifer Kirsten Stinson)

“Introducing GIS in the History Classroom: Mapping the Legacies of the Industrial Era in Postindustrial America,” *The Journal of Interactive Technology and Pedagogy*,
<https://cuny.manifoldapp.org/read/introducing-gis-in-the-history-classroom-mapping-the->

[legacies-of-the-industrial-era-in-postindustrial-america-a494c83d-1b14-4518-9c29-3a1edc91c7e6/section/45eab18c-ad01-4c32-8988-8f3b352ba43d](https://www.michiganhistoricalreview.org/legacies-of-the-industrial-era-in-postindustrial-america-a494c83d-1b14-4518-9c29-3a1edc91c7e6/section/45eab18c-ad01-4c32-8988-8f3b352ba43d).

“Scrolling through Nature: Reflections on the Digital Humanities and Michigan’s Environmental History,” *The Michigan Historical Review: Special Issue on Environmental Histories of the Great Lakes State* 45, no. 1 (2019): 109 – 119.

“A New, Historic Canal: The Making of an Erie Canal Heritage Landscape,” *LA: The Journal for the Society of Industrial Archaeology* 42, no. 2 (2016): 23 – 34.

“Imagining a Pure Michigan Landscape: Advertisers, Tourists, and the Making of Michigan’s Northern Vacationlands,” *The Michigan Historical Review* 42, no. 2 (2016): 31 – 51.

Book chapters & essays

(Forthcoming) “On Feces, Environmental History, and Midwest Regional History,” *Historical Geography*.

(Forthcoming) “Midwest, Rustbelt, Illinois: Overlapping Regionalisms, Identity, and State History Curriculum,” in *Teaching the Rust Belt*, eds. Katharine G. Trostel and Valentino Zullo.

“Jim Harrison: Mixed Coniferous Forest, Osceola County, Michigan,” in *Lingering Inland: A Literary Tour of the Midwest*, ed. Andy Oler (Champaign: University of Illinois Press, 2025), 165-167.

“The Nature of the Midwest: Environmental History, Regionalism, and the Future of Midwestern Studies,” in *Between Loving and Leaving: Essays on the New Midwestern History*, ed. Jon K. Lauck (Norman, Oklahoma: University of Oklahoma Press, 2025), 148-161.

“Life on I-57,” in *Exile at Small-Time U: Essays from the Trenches of Non-Elite Academia*, ed. Douglas Higbee (Jefferson, North Carolina: MacFarland & Company, 2025), 47-53.

“Green as a Shade of Blue: Political Rhetoric, the Democratic Party, and the Early Environmental Movement in the Upper Midwest,” in *The Liberal Heartland: A Political History of the Postwar American Midwest*, ed. Jon K. Lauck and Catherine McNicol Stock (Lawrence, Kansas: University Press of Kansas, 2025), 63-75.

“Close Reading and Coding with the Seward Family Digital Archive: Digital Documentary Editing in the Undergraduate History Classroom,” in *Quick Hits: Teaching with the Digital Humanities*, edited by Christopher J. Young (Bloomington, Indiana: Indiana University Press, 2020), 12 – 17.

“A New ‘State of Superior’: Political Fracture and Anti-environmentalism in the Upper Midwest,” in *The Conservative Heartland: A Political History of the Postwar American Midwest*, ed. Jon Lauck and Catherine McNicol Stock (Lawrence, Kansas: University Press of Kansas, 2020), 153 – 170.

“In the Land of Hiawatha: Conservation and Literary Sociability in Michigan,” in *Pieces of the Heartland: Representing Midwestern Places*, edited by Andy Oler (Hastings, Nebraska: Hastings College Press, 2018), 23 – 38.

Book and digital project reviews

(Forthcoming) Amanda McMillan Lequeiu, *Who We are is Where We Are: Making Home in the American Rust Belt* (New York: Columbia University Press, 2024) *H-Socialisms*.

(Forthcoming) Amy Godine, *The Black Woods: Pursuing Racial Justice on the Adirondack Frontier* (Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 2023) *Agricultural History*.

Wallace Stegner's *Unsettled Country: Ruin, Realism, and Possibility in the American West*, eds. Mark Fiege, Michael J. Lansing, and Leisl Carr Childers (Lincoln: University of Nebraska Press, 2024) *Utah Historical Quarterly* 93, no. 1 (2025): 90-91.

Bart Elmore, *Country Capitalism: How Corporations from the American South Remade our Economy and Planet* (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2023) *Annals of Iowa* 83, no. 4 (2024): 271-272.

Kristen Wood, *Accommodating the Republic: Taverns in the Early United States* (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2023) *Journal of the Early Republic* 44, no. 3 (2024): 499-502.

Andrew Watson, *Making Muskoka: Tourism, Rural Identity, and Sustainability, 1870-1920* (Vancouver: University of British Columbia Press, 2022) *H-Environment Roundtable Reviews*, <https://networks.h-net.org/watson-making-muskoka-tourism-rural-identity-and-sustainability-1870-1920-h-environment-0>.

Ariel Ron, *Grassroots Leviathan: Agricultural Reform and the Rural North in the Slaveholding Republic* (Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, 2020) *Pennsylvania History: A Journal of Mid-Atlantic Studies* 90, no. 4 (2023): 624-627.

Joseph Giacomelli, *Uncertain Climes: Debating Climate Change in Gilded Age America* (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2023) *History: Reviews of New Books* 51, no. 6 (2023): 148-149.

Abby L. Goode, *Agrotopias: An American Literary History of Sustainability* (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2022) *H-Net Reviews*, <https://networks.h-net.org/group/reviews/20006021/burd-goode-agrotopias-american-literary-history-sustainability>.

The Greater Plains: Rethinking a Region's Environmental Histories, eds. Brian Frehner and Kathleen A. Brosnan (Lincoln: University of Nebraska Press, 2021) *The Annals of Iowa* 32, no. 3 (2023): 268 – 270.

Robert A. Gross, *The Transcendentalists and Their World* (New York: Farrar, Strauss and Giroux, 2021) *Journal of the Early Republic* 42, no. 4 (2022): 670 – 672.

“How to Plan a Disaster: Politics, Nature, and Hurricane Katrina,” a review of Andy Horowitz, *Katrina: A History, 1915 – 2015* (Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 2020) *Reviews in American History* 49, no. 2 (2021): 304 – 309.

John Lauritz Larson, *Laid Waste!: The Culture of Exploitation in Early America* (Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2020) *Journal of the Early Republic* 41, no. 1 (2021): 151 – 153.

The Earth Will Appear as a Garden of Eden: Essays on Mormon Environmental History, ed. Jedediah S. Rogers, Matthew C. Godfrey (University of Utah Press, 2019) *Mormon Studies Review* 8, no. 1 (2021): 162 – 168.

Environments of Empire: Networks and Agents of Ecological Change, ed. Ulrike Kirchberger and Brett M. Bennett (The University of North Carolina Press, 2020) *Agricultural History* 94, no. 3 (2020): 490 – 492.

Courtney Fullilove, *The Profit of the Earth: The Global Seeds of American Agriculture* (University of Chicago Press, 2017) *Enterprise and Society* 21, no. 3 (2020): 806 – 808.

Joshua A.T. Salzmänn, *Liquid Capital: Making the Chicago Waterfront* (University of Pennsylvania Press, 2017) *Michigan Historical Review* 44, no. 1 (2018): 130 – 131.

Otis L. Graham, Jr., *Presidents and the American Environment* (University of Kansas Press, 2015) *Environment and Society* 9 (2017): 207 – 209.

Joseph E. Taylor, III, Krista Fryauff, Erik Steiner, Celena Allen, Alex Sherman, and Zephyr Frank. *Follow the Money: A Spatial History of In-Lieu Programs for Western Federal Lands* (Spatial History Project, CESTA, Stanford University, 1 June 2016) *Pacific Northwest Quarterly* 107 (Fall 2016): 198.

David Spanagel, *DeWitt Clinton and Amos Eaton: Geology and Power in Early New York* (John Hopkins University Press, 2014) *New York History* 97, no. 2 (2016): 229 – 231.

Robert D. Lifset, *Power on the Hudson: Storm King Mountain and the Emergence of Modern American Environmentalism* (University of Pittsburgh Press, 2014) *Hudson River Valley Review* 33, no. 1 (2016): 86 – 89.

Andrew Menard, *Sight Unseen: How Fremont's First Expedition Changed the American Landscape* (University of Nebraska Press, 2012) *Historical Geography* 41 (2013): 250 – 251.

David M. Emmons, *Beyond the American Pale: The Irish in the West, 1845-1910* (University of Oklahoma Press, 2010) *Utah Historical Quarterly* 79, no. 2 (2011): 195 – 196.

Other Essays and Articles

“Jim Harrison—Osceola County, MI,” *New Territory Magazine: Literary Landscapes* v.12, October 4, 2023, <https://newterritorymag.com/literary-landscapes/jim-harrison-osceola-county-michigan/>.

“‘All-In’ – Professors on the Picket Line at Eastern Illinois,” *Belt Magazine*, April 10, 2023, <https://beltmag.com/all-in-professors-on-the-picket-line-at-eastern-illinois-university/>.

“(Senator) Paul Simon’s American Tune,” *Belt Magazine*, November 2, 2022, <https://beltmag.com/senator-paul-simons-american-tune/>.

“The Making of ‘Pure Michigan,’” *Edge Effects*, November 8, 2016, <http://edgeeffects.net/pure-michigan/>.

Journal Editor

Co-editor with Jennifer Stinson, Special Issue, *Middle West Review: Environmental History Issue* 10, no. 1 (2023).

PUBLIC & DIGITAL HISTORY

Southern Mill Archive

2026 –

Project lead/instructor

Clemson University

<https://southernmillarchive.com/>

- Classroom-based digital archive project. Collaborating with Special Collections and Archives at Clemson University, students learn the basics of digitization, digital archival techniques, and digital publishing through the Omeka CMS.

Heartland History: The Podcast of the Midwestern History Association

2021 – 2025

Host/Producer

Eastern Illinois University/ Midwestern History Association

<https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/heartland-history/id1180375277>

- Collect new scholarship relevant to the history of the Midwest, arrange author interviews, design questions, record interviews, edit, and publish the podcast episodes.

Digital History Initiative

2021 – 2024

Project Co-Coordinator

Eastern Illinois University

<http://eiudhi.com/>

- Establish a digital project repository in the Department of History. Collaborate with other faculty to create new course material and research projects that utilize podcasting, mapping projects, web-design, and databasing.

Prairie Stories

Spring 2024

Project Coordinator

Eastern Illinois University, Booth Library

<https://eiudhi.com/prairstories/>

- As instructor of HIS 4935: Public History Practicum I worked with students and our community partner to create a physical and digital exhibit related to the history of the tall grass prairie. Students built a physical exhibit while also learning digitization, CMS management, and web publishing.

Working Artists: An Art Exhibition and Podcast Series

Spring 2022

Project Co-Coordinator

Eastern Illinois University, Tarble Arts Center

<https://open.spotify.com/show/0yAOzbgs2bKlvWY3Pq2vYd>

- As instructor of HIS 4935: Public History Practicum I worked with students to design and curate an exhibit that examines the history of the artwork and the artists supported by WPA programs. In addition to the curated exhibit, students designed, recorded, and produced podcasts.

The Nature of Illinois: Environmental Stories of the Prairie State

Fall 2021

Project Coordinator

Eastern Illinois University

<https://open.spotify.com/show/4T5HTcvXm44dq6rQfZehqN>

- As an instructor of HIS 51601: Graduate Seminar in US Environmental History, I required students to design, research, record, and publish podcasts related to the environmental history of Illinois.

COVID-19 Oral History Project

2021

Project Co-Coordinator

Eastern Illinois University

<https://thekeep.eiu.edu/covid-19/>

- As part of HIS 3000: Introduction to Public History students enrolled in the course designed, recorded, transcribed, and archived several oral histories that explored the student experience at EIU during 2020-2021 academic year.

Seward Family Digital Archive

2015 – 2019

Text Encoding Initiative and Technologies Manager

University of Rochester

<https://sewardproject.org/s/seward/page/home>

- *The Seward Family Digital Archive* is a digital, documentary-editing project that transcribes, annotates, and publishes nineteenth-century correspondence. The project utilizes XML coding and Drupal CMS to make letters machine-readable and searchable across letters by theme, persons, places, and bodies of literature.

William Blake Archive

2018

Research Assistant

University of Rochester

<https://www.blakearchive.org/>

- *The William Blake Archive* is an international collaborative digital project built and curated to provide access to the visual and literary works of William Blake. The site features high-resolution images, letters, receipts, and publications with detailed XML mark-up based on TEI standards.

HEAR UR

Fall 2017

Research Assistant

University of Rochester

<https://hearurpodcast.wixsite.com/hearur>

- *Hear UR* is a history-themed podcast. Students engage in high-end digital recording and audio editing to produce short and engaging podcasts based on the particular theme of the class. Podcasts are produced and published online using WordPress CMS and SoundCloud.

Virtual St. George's

Research Assistant

University of Rochester

Spring 2017

<https://dhfellows.digitalscholar.rochester.edu/faculty-projects/virtual-st-georges/#more-3705>

- Utilizing 3D modeling software and photogrammetry, *Virtual St. George's* reconstructs this 18th-century Bermudian city based on archaeological evidence and personal accounts. Using video game engines, the models contribute to an immersive educational experience to explore the social, architectural, and environmental realities of the Atlantic World. Files, models, and data are storied on Omeka CMS.

***Arcola Illinois Redevelopment Study.* (Charleston, Illinois: EIU Innovation Hub, 2021).**

Research Contributor

Eastern Illinois University

***A Unique and Significant Heritage: A Phase 1 Cultural Resources Historical Survey of Wawatam Township, Emmet County, Michigan.* (Mt. Pleasant: School of Public Service and Global Citizenship and the College of Humanities and Social and Behavioral Sciences at Central Michigan University, 2013).**

Research Contributor

Central Michigan University

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, and AWARDS

Visiting International Fellow	2026
The Greenhouse Center for Environmental Humanities, University of Stavanger	
Residential Fellowship	2026
Linda Hall Library	
Silicon Valley Archives Travel Grant	2026
Stanford University Libraries	
CAH Faculty Research Development Program Grant	2025-2026
College of Arts and Humanities, Clemson University	
Lightsey Fellowship	2025-2026
Humanities Hub, Clemson University	
Strong Research Fellowship	2024
The Strong National Museum of Play	
Council on Faculty Research Summer Research/Creativity Award	2023
Eastern Illinois University	
Faculty Development and Innovation Center Partnership Grant	2022
Eastern Illinois University	

James K. and Wanda L. Johnson Award College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Eastern Illinois University	2021
Redden Grant Eastern Illinois University, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences	21-22, 23-24
Senator Paul Simon Research Stipend Morris Library's Special Collections Research Center and the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute of Southern Illinois University Carbondale	2021
Gerald R. Ford Research Grant Gerald R. Ford Presidential Foundation	2020
Andrew W. Mellon Postdoctoral Fellowship New York Botanical Garden	2019 – 2020
Andrew W. Mellon Digital Humanities Fellowship University of Rochester, School of Arts and Sciences	2016 – 2018
The Newberry Library-American Society for Environmental History Fellowship The Newberry Library	2018 – 2019
Kate B. and Hall J. Peterson Fellowship American Antiquarian Society	2018 – 2019
Grey Towers Scholar-in-Residence Fellowship (<i>declined</i>) Grey Towers Heritage Association	2019
Resident Scholar Fellowship Oregon State University Libraries	2019
Short Term Research Fellowship Winterthur Museum, Garden & Library	2019
HASTAC Scholars Fellowship Humanities, Arts, Science, and Technology Alliance and Collaboratory	2017 – 2019
Teaching-as-Research Fellowship University of Rochester, Center for the Integration of Research, Teaching, and Learning	2018
ASEH Graduate Caucus Travel Grant American Society for Environmental History	2019
National Science Foundation Travel Grant Collaboration with American Society for Environmental History	2018
Edward Peck Curtis Award for Excellence in Teaching by a Graduate Student University of Rochester Graduate Studies	2019

Dexter Perkins Prize University of Rochester, Department of History	2017
CHAViC Summer Seminar Financial Award American Antiquarian Society	2016
Digital Humanities Summer Institute Scholarship Digital Humanities Summer Institute, Victoria, British Columbia	2015
Michigan Technological University Archives Travel Grant Michigan Technological University	2014, 2022
University Travel Grant University of Rochester, University Dean of Graduate Studies	2015, 2016
University Fellowship University of Rochester, History Department	2014 – 2020
Grace H. Magnaghi Visiting Research Grant Northern Michigan University	2013, 2018, 2022
University Fellowship Central Michigan University, History Department	2013 – 2014

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

“Tallgrass Prairie Rebloom: Deindustrialization, Deregulation, and the Rise of Prairie Conservation in Late-Twentieth Century Illinois,” presented at (Un)Just Transitions?: Deindustrialization and the Environment, DePOT Annual Conference, Montreal, Canada, June 18, 2026.

“The Toxic Ties That Bind: Grassroots Organizing and Superfund Renewal in the Age of Reagan,” presented at the Annual Conference of the Midwestern History Association, Oxford, Ohio, April 30, 2026.

“Framing Catastrophe as Opportunity: The Chamber of Commerce and the Climate Haven in the Great Lakes Region,” presented at the Climate Havens Symposium: Humanistic Perspectives on Resilience, Migration & Resources, Rochester, New York, April 16, 2026.

“‘Thinning the Blood’ of the National Park Systems: Austerity, NPS Management, and the Hierarchy of Nature in the Neoliberal Era,” presented at the Annual Conference of the American Society for Environmental History, Kansas City, Missouri, March 28, 2026.

“Waste and Resilience in the Midwest,” roundtable participant at the Annual Conference of the American Society for Environmental History, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, April 10, 2025.

“The Environmental History of Small Places: Method, Scale, Narrative,” roundtable participant at the Annual Conference of the American Society for Environmental History, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, April 10, 2025.

“What Comes Next?: Emerging Scholars and the Future of Midwestern History,” roundtable participant at the Annual Meeting of the Organization of American Historians, Chicago, Illinois, April 5, 2025.

“Beyond East of the West and North of the South: Roundtable on New Directions in Midwestern History,” roundtable participant at the Western History Association Conference, Kansas City, Missouri, October 26, 2024.

Chaired Panel “Urban Environmentalism,” presented at the Midwestern History Conference, Grand Rapids, Michigan, May 31, 2024.

“Grassroots Politics and Midwestern Regionalism: The Environmental Activism of the Midwest Academy,” presented at the Midwestern History Conference, Grand Rapids, Michigan, May 31, 2024.

Chaired Panel “Engineering Extractivism?,” at the American Society for Environmental History Conference, Denver Colorado, April 6, 2024.

“Postextractive Futurisms: Reimagining Mining Landscapes in the Upper Midwest,” presented at the American Society for Environmental History Conference, Denver, Colorado, April 4, 2024.

“Teaching Midwestern History: A Roundtable,” roundtable participant at the Midwestern History Conference, Grand Rapids, Michigan, May 18, 2023.

“Creating Inclusive Classrooms: Demanding Excellence in Pedagogical Practices with Universal Design,” panel participant at the Reaching Inclusivity for Student Excellence Conference, Eastern Illinois University, Charleston, Illinois, October 7, 2022.

“Podcasting and/as Scholarly Editing: Roundtable,” presented at the Association for Documentary Editing, Virtual, June 24, 2022.

“Not Endowed with Extraordinary Natural Features’: Re-imagining Midwestern Places and the Failed Attempt to Create The Lincoln Homestead National Recreation Area,” presented at the Midwestern History Conference, Grand Rapids, Michigan, May 19, 2022.

Participant on Roundtable, “Pedagogy for Environmental History,” presented at the American Society of Environmental History Conference, Eugene, Oregon, March 24, 2022.

“A New, 'State of Superior': The Environmental Movement and Political Fracture in the Upper Midwest,” presented at the Midwestern History Conference, Grand Rapids, Michigan, May 31, 2019.

“A Good Nurseryman: Cultures of Capitalism and Environment in Nineteenth-Century America,” presented at the American Society for Environmental History Conference, Columbus, Ohio, April 11, 2019.

“The Ornament of Empire: Visualizing Ecological Imperialism in Nineteenth-Century America,” presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Historical Association, Chicago, Illinois, January 6, 2019.

- “The Nurseryman, The San Jose Scale, and the Orchard in Gilded Age America,”** presented at the American Society for Environmental History Conference, Riverside, California, March 15, 2018.
- “Digital Annotations and the Reclusive Wife,”** presented at the Society for Historians of the Early American Republic Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, July 21, 2017.
- “Growing ‘Flower City’: Nurserymen and Horticulture in Nineteenth-Century Rochester, New York,”** presented at the Association for the Study of Literature and the Environment Conference, Detroit, Michigan, June 24, 2017.
- “Reforming Flour City: The Nurserymen of Rochester, New York, 1840-1860,”** presented at the Agricultural History Society Conference, Grand Rapids, Michigan, June 10, 2017.
- “The Changing Natures of Flower City: Nurserymen, Suburbs, and the Changing Landscapes of Rochester, New York,”** presented at the American Society for Environmental History Conference, Seattle, Washington, March 31, 2016.
- “In the Name of Hiawatha: Landscapes, Literature, and Environmentalism on the Shores of Lake Superior, 1968-1980,”** presented at Association for the Study of Literature and the Environment Conference, Moscow, Idaho, June 26, 2015.
- “Northern Michigan in the Gilded Age: Environmental Perceptions and the Rise of a Northern Michigan Vacationland,”** presented at Great Lakes History Conference, Grand Rapids, Michigan, October 11, 2013.
- “Southern Wilderness: Northern Pioneers Within the Confederate South,”** presented at American Society for Environmental History Graduate Workshop, Toronto, Ontario, April 6, 2013.

INVITED TALKS

- “Humanities in Place: Personal, Literary, Historical,”** invited talk hosted by Andy Oler and the Midwestern History Association to discuss *Lingering Inland: A Literary Tour of the Midwest* (Champaign: University of Illinois Press), May 1, 2026.
- “The Making of Flower City: The Erie Canal, American Empire, and the Horticultural Transformation of the Country,”** invited book talk as part of the Sloan Lecture Series at the Erie Canal Museum, January 15, 2026.
- “The Roots of Flower City: Horticulture, Empire, and the Remaking of Rochester, New York,”** invited book talk for the New York State Public Library webinar series, June 4, 2025.
- “The Roots of Flower City: Horticulture, Empire, and the Remaking of Rochester, New York,”** The Neilly Author Series and the Dr. Matthew E & Ruth Harmon Fairbank Alumni Lecture presented by the River Campus Libraries and the School of Arts and Sciences at the University of Rochester in partnership with the Local History & Genealogy Division of the Rochester Public Library, April 22, 2025.

- “The Roots of Flower City,”** Pittsford Community Library Author Series, February 6, 2025.
- “The Nature of Iowa: Considering the Environment and State History,”** presented for Iowa History 101, The State Historical Society of Iowa, January 23, 2025.
- “Demystifying the Hidden Curriculum for New Professors,”** roundtable participant, ASEH Connects Virtual Series, August 2, 2024.
- “Extractions and Environmentalisms in the Upper Peninsula,”** presented at Northern Michigan University as part of “Information Literacy and Leadership Institute,” July, 16, 2024.
- “The Nature of the Upper Peninsula: Environment and Identity in the North Country, 1955-1978,”** presented at Northern Michigan University as “Evening at the Archives” event, Marquette, March 28, 2023.
- “Post-extractive Futures: Re-imagining Copper Mining Country in the Mid-Twentieth Century,”** presented at Michigan Technological University with support from Friends of the Van Pelt Library in Houghton, November, 16, 2022.
- “Make Grading Less Arduous: Podcasts as Learning Activities,”** invited discussant for Faculty Development and Innovation Center Workshop, Eastern Illinois University, Charleston, Illinois, October 20, 2022.
- “Political Fracture and Anti-Environmentalism in the Upper Midwest,”** invited speaker for the Clarke Historical Library Virtual Speaker Series, Central Michigan University, Mt. Pleasant, Michigan, October 20, 2021.
- “A Historical View of Activism,”** presented at the Activate Your Inner Activist Conference, Eastern Illinois University, Charleston, Illinois, January 29, 2021.
- “The Business of Ecological Empire: Nurserymen and the 19th Century Plant Trade,”** presented at the Museum, Garden, & Library, Winterthur, Delaware, August 12, 2020.
- “A Nation of Fruit Growers: Nurserymen and the Rise of the Nineteenth-Century Plant Trade,”** presented at the Humanities Institute, New York Botanical Garden, New York, New York, November 22, 2019.
- “Empire & Business,”** workshop presentation at the New York Metro Seminar in Environmental History, Columbia University, New York, New York, October 2, 2019.
- “Agents of Ecological Imperialism: Nurserymen and the Creation of the Nineteenth-Century Plant Trade,”** invited presenter as Resident Scholar at Oregon State University Libraries, Oregon State University, Corvallis, Oregon, August 14, 2019.
- “Data Visualization Workshop,”** led a workshop on RAWGraphs and Esri Story Maps, New York Digital Humanities Symposium, University of Buffalo, Buffalo, New York, December 1, 2018.
- “In the Land of Hiawatha: Conservation and Literary Sociability in Michigan,”** invited presenter at the Sonderegger Symposium, Northern Michigan University, Marquette, Michigan, September 7, 2018.

“Digital History as Public History,” invited presenter at Central Michigan University, Public History Course, Mt. Pleasant, Michigan, September 5, 2018.

"The Roots of Flower City: How the Panic of 1837 Remade Rochester," invited Earth Day lecture for the Friends of Historic Calvary St. Andrews community lecture series, Rochester, New York, April 22, 2018.

“What is Digital History?” invited talk at Central Michigan University, Museum Studies Program, Mt. Pleasant, Michigan, October 24, 2016.

“Environmentalism at the Point of Extraction: Viewpoints, Politics, and Memory in Michigan’s Upper Peninsula during the Environmental Movement,” presented at Michigan Technological University with support from Friends of the Van Pelt Library in Houghton, Michigan, October 14, 2014.

Lecture for *American Environmental History*, Finlandia University, Hancock, Michigan, **“American Expansion and Environments of Conquest,”** February 6, 2014.

“Schoolcraft and the Upper Peninsula,” presented at Northern Michigan University, Marquette, Michigan as the Grace H. Magnaghi Research Fellow, October 17, 2013.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Clemson University

- HIST 1240 – Environmental History Survey
- HIST 3920 – History of the Environment of the United States
- HIST 8000 – Seminar in U.S. History
- HIST 8500 – Seminar in Modern U.S. History
- HIST 8540 – Spatial History & Historical GIS
- HIST 8540 – Local History & Digital Archives
- HIST 8860 – Graduate Readings in Modern United States History

Eastern Illinois University

- HIS 1101 – Introduction to Historical Studies
- HIS 2010 – History of the United States to 1877
- HIS 2020 – History of the United States Since 1877
- HIS 59901-660 – Heritage, Identity, and Place in Twentieth-Century America
- HIS 3810 – History of Illinois
- HIS 3000 – Introduction to Public History
- HIS 4441 – Readings in Midwest, Illinois, and Local History (Honors Independent Study)
- HIS 4775 – American Culture and Society Since 1980
- HIS 4935 – Public History Practicum
- HIS 51601 – Graduate Seminar in American Environmental History
- HIS 5800 – Proseminar in American History
- HIS 59901-003 – History of American Capitalism Graduate Seminar (Independent Study)
- HIS 59901-008 – Public History Graduate Practicum (Independent Study)
- HIS 59901-600 – America and the World in the 20th Century (Independent Study)

- HIS 55901-203 – Readings and Research on Empire, Health, and Medicine in Modern History (Independent Study)
- HIS 59901-003 – Readings in Colonial and Early American History (Independent Study)
- HIS 59901 – Readings and Research on Environmental Histories of Tourism

University of Rochester

- HST 196 – History of American Capitalism
- HST 194 – History of the American Landscape: At the Crossroads of Ecology and Culture
- HST 235 – Earth, Wind, Water, Fire: An Environmental History of Everywhere (TA)
- HST/WT 258 – Women's Lives in Letters, 1830-1880 (TA)

Rochester Institute of Technology

- HIST 326 – Digital History

Central Michigan University

- MST 310 – Introductions to Museums (TA)

WORKSHOPS/ SEMINARS

Doing History in Place Workshop

Center for the History of Agriculture, Science, and the Environment of the South, Mississippi State University

February 23-24, 2024

National Endowment for the Humanities Residential Institute: Reading, Writing, and Teaching the Rustbelt

Rustbelt Humanities Lab, Ursuline College

June 2023

People, Place, and Voice: Oral History Workshop

ASEH Pre-Conference Workshop

March 23, 2022

Writing to Change the World Writing Workshop

The OpEd Project

January 2022

National Humanities Center Faculty Podcasting Institute

National Humanities Center & Digital Humanities Center, SDSU
Audio recording, editing, and publication

June 2021

DH@Guelph

University of Guelph, Guelph, Ontario
Web scraping, database management, data visualization

May 2017

CHAViC Summer Seminar

American Antiquarian Society, Worcester, Massachusetts
“Seeing Nature: The Environment in American Visual Culture to 1900”

July 2016

Digital Humanities Summer Institute

University of Victoria, Victoria, British Columbia
Historic 3D modeling

June 2015

IN THE MEDIA

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Contributor to *Rochester’s First Park: Highland Park, Designed by Frederick Law Olmsted* (2018; Rochester, New York: Highland Park Conservancy) <https://vimeo.com/333873057>

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SERVICE/ PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Department Service

Clemson University

Honors and Awards Committee, 2025 –

Ad Hoc Committee on Tenure, Promotion, and Reappointment alignment, 2025 – 2026

Ad Hoc Committee on Syllabus Language for History Courses, 2025

Eastern Illinois University

Department Personnel Committee, 2022 – 2024

Graduate Committee Member, 2020 – 2024

Public History Minor Coordinator, 2020 – 2024

Recruitment Committee Member, 2020 – 2024

Phil Alpha Theta Advisor, 2021 – 2024

University Service

Clemson University

Global Education Committee, 2025 –

Eastern Illinois University

Library Advisory Board, Graduate Dean’s Appointment 2021 – 2022

Illinois Innovation Hub – Arcola Project, 2021

University Grade Appeals Committee, 2021 – 2024

Vice-Chair (2021-2022), Chair (2022-2023)

Weller Scholarship Committee, 2021 – 2022

Faculty Fellow, Pine Honors College, 2021 – 2023

EIU Presidential Scholarship Interviewer, 2021

College of Liberal Arts Grade Appeals Committee Member, 2020 – 2021

Professional Service

MacArthur Fellows Program – Evaluator, 2026
ASEH Alice Hamilton Prize Committee, 2026
NEH Review Panelist: Place-Based Public Humanities Projects Grant Program, 2025
ACLS Digital Justice Grant Reviewer, 2025
Midwestern History Association – Press Director, 2022-2025
American Society for Environmental History- Graduate Caucus President, 2018 – 2019
Member, Advisory Committee to the River Campus Libraries, University of Rochester, 2017 – 2019
Member, River Campus Library User Advisory Board, University of Rochester, 2018 – 2019
American Society for Environmental History- Presidential Appointee, 2017
American Society for Environmental History Toronto Conference Volunteer, 2013, 2016
Michigan Service Scholars AmeriCorps Program, 2012 – 13
Editorial Intern for *Utah Historical Review*, Fall 2010
Manuscripts Reviewed for:
Michigan Historical Review, Middle West Review, Scholarly Editing, Journal of Interactive Technology and Pedagogy, Rust Belt Studies, Michigan State University Press, Purdue University Press, Journal of Global History, Germinate: Environmental History Review, Oxford University Press

ACADEMIC AFFILIATIONS

American Historical Association
American Society for Environmental History
Midwest History Association