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EDUCATION

Ph.D. History, University of Iowa, 2005.
MA History, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, 1996.
BA (Hons.) American Studies, University of Nottingham, England, 1994.

EMPLOYMENT

Burkhardt Distinguished Chair in History, Knox College, 2013-present

- Chair, American Studies Program, 2014-present
- Academic Co-Coordinator, SPARK (summer bridge program), 2015

Associate Professor of American History, Knox College, 2012-2013
Assistant Professor of American History, Knox College, 2006-2012
Visiting Assistant Professor of American History, Knox College. 2005-2006.

HONORS AND AWARDS

2015 Cartier Faculty Excellence Award.
2014 College Faculty Career Enhancement Grant, awarded to Knox College by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation.
2013 The Illinois Humanities Council, funding for "People and Place," the 2014 Museums, Monuments and Memory class exhibit.
2013 The Knight Endowment for Religious Studies, Knox College, course development funding.
2012 College Faculty Career Enhancement Grant, awarded to Knox College by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation.
2011 College Faculty Career Enhancement Grant, awarded to Knox College by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation.
2007 Council of Independent Colleges / Gilder Lehrman American History Seminar participant, New York University.
2004-5 Seashore Dissertation Fellow, University of Iowa.

PUBLICATIONS

2015 "The Subjective Self: Teaching History Students to ask 'Who Am I?'" *Syllabus*, under revision.

2013 *Making Marriage: Husbands, Wives, and the American State in Dakota and Ojibwe Country*. St. Paul: Minnesota Historical Society Press, 2013.

"Atoms, Honeycombs, and Fabric Scraps: Rethinking Timelines in the Undergraduate Classroom," *The History Teacher*, 46:3 (May 2013): 415-434.

2010 "Pelagic Farribault's Island: Property, Kinship, and the Contested Meaning of Marriage in Dakota Country," *Minnesota History*. 62:2 (Summer 2010): 48-59.

"Reading the Revolution as More Than Just Shorthand," Guest Opinion, *Iowa City Press-Citizen*, July 3, 2010. (Also carried in a dozen other newspapers nationwide, including the *Oregon Statesman Journal* and the *Pennsylvania Pocono Record*.)

"Ethics for Historians: The Perspective of One Undergraduate Class." *Perspectives on History*.

BOOK REVIEWS

2015 Review of Susan Sleeper Smith *et al*, *You Can't Teach United States History Without American Indians*. Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2015, in *Minnesota History*, forthcoming.

Review of Bethel L. Saler, *The Settlers Empire: Colonialism and State Formation in America's Old Northwest*. Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2014, in *The Annals of Iowa*, forthcoming.

Review of Linda M. Clemmons, *Conflicted Mission: Faith, Disputes, and Deception on the Dakota Frontier*, St. Paul: Minnesota Historical Society Press, 2014, in *The Western Historical Quarterly*, 46:3 (Autumn 2015): 368-369.

2013 Review of Saliha Belmessous, ed., *Native Claims: Indigenous Law Against Empire, 1500-1920*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2012, in *The Historian*, 75:2 (Summer 2013): 423-424.

Review of Mary Butler Renville, *A Thrilling Narrative of Indian Captivity: Dispatches from the Dakota War*. Edited by Carrie Reber Zeman and Kathryn Zabelle, Derounian-Stodola. Lincoln: University of Nebraska Press, 2012, in *Minnesota History*, 63/5 (Spring 2013): 213.

2012 Review of Ann Durkin Keating, *Rising Up From Indian Country: The Battle of Fort Dearborn and the Birth of Chicago*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2012, in *Journal of Illinois History*, 15 (Spring 2012): 51-52..

Review of Colette A. Hyman, *Dakota Women's Work: Creativity, Culture, and Exile*. St. Paul: Minnesota Historical Society Press, 2012 in *The Annals of Iowa*, 71:4 (Fall 2012): 357-358.

- Review of James Joseph Buss, *Winning the West with Words: Language and Conquest in the Lower Great Lakes*. Norman, University of Oklahoma Press, 2011, in *Western Historical Quarterly*, 43:4 (Autumn 2012): 383-384.
- Review of Mary Lethert Wingerd, *North Country: The Making of Minnesota*. Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press, 2010, in *American Indian Culture and Research Journal*, 36:1 (2012): 213-216.
- 2011 Review of Carl J. Ekberg, *Stealing Indian Women: Native Slavery in the Illinois Country*. Urbana, Ill.: University of Illinois Press, 2007, in *The Annals of Iowa*, 70:1 (Winter 2011) 67-69.
- 2008 Review of Rebecca Kugel and Lucy Eldersveld Murphy, eds., *Native Women's History in Eastern North America before 1900: A Guide to Research and Writing*. Lincoln: University of Nebraska Press, 2007, in *American Indian Culture and Research Journal*, 32:1 (2008): 143-145.

WEB PUBLICATIONS

- 2012 "On a Mission: Junípero Serra in New Spain." *Ask a Historian*, <http://teachinghistory.org/history-content/ask-a-historian/25753>, an initiative of the National History Education Clearinghouse at George Mason University, Washington, D.C.
- "Little Wolf and President Grant." *Ask a Historian*, <http://teachinghistory.org/history-content/ask-a-historian/25629>, an initiative of the National History Education Clearinghouse at George Mason University, Washington, D.C.
- "Success and Failure in the New World." *Ask a Historian*, <http://teachinghistory.org/history-content/ask-a-historian/25510>, an initiative of the National History Education Clearinghouse at George Mason University, Washington, D.C. March 2012.
- "Manifest Destiny: Creating a New Identity." *Ask a Historian*, <http://teachinghistory.org/history-content/ask-a-historian/25502>, an initiative of the National History Education Clearinghouse at George Mason University, Washington, D.C. March 2012.
- "Labor and Trade in Colonial America." *Beyond the Textbook*, <http://www.teachinghistory.org/history-content/beyond-the-textbook/25456>, an initiative of the National History Education Clearinghouse at George Mason University, Washington, D.C. February, 2012.
- "Texas and Mexico: Centers for Cultural Collision." *Ask a Historian*, <http://www.teachinghistory.org/history-content/ask-a-historian/25470>, an initiative

- of the National History Education Clearinghouse at George Mason University, Washington, D.C. February 2, 2012.
- 2011 "A Summer's Koan," Guest Contributor, NPR's *On Being* blog, August 20.
<http://blog.onbeing.org/post/9161083573/a-summers-koan>
- 2010 "Bringing History Home in the College Classroom: Eight Guides to Teaching History in the Post-Secondary Educators,"
<http://bringinghistoryhome.org/curriculum-resources/college>

LECTURES, CONFERENCE PAPERS, AND WORKSHOPS

- 2014 Invited Lecturer, "Teaching Women's History," Online Panel, Western Governors University, Women's History Month Celebration, March 25, 2014.
- 2013 Invited Speaker, "Historical Thinking Skills in the K-16 Classroom," University of Iowa Department of History, Iowa City, November 21, 2013.
- Invited Speaker, "Life after Schaeffer Hall," University of Iowa Department of History, Iowa City, November 21, 2013.
- Invited Speaker, "Pelagic Faribault's Island: Marriage and the American State in Early-Nineteenth-Century Dakota and Ojibwe Country." University of Iowa Department of History, Iowa City, November 20, 2013.
- Keynote Address: "Primary Sources and Other Useful Tools: The Bringing History Home Experience of Raising Literacy Across the Curriculum." History and Social Science Teachers Conference, Eastern Illinois University, October 24, 2013, Charleston, Illinois.
- "Source, Observe, Contextualize, Corroborate: Primary Source Analysis in the K-12 Classroom." History and Social Science Teachers Conference, Eastern Illinois University, October 24, 2013, Charleston, Illinois.
- "More Questions Than Answers: The Strange Case of Margaret McCoy's 1840 Divorce." The 2013 Burkhardt Lecture, Knox College, April 26, 2013.
- "How Do Historians Do Their Jobs?" Workshop, Class Day 2013, Carl Sandburg College, Galesburg, Illinois, February 23, 2013.
- 2012 "'Am I a Woman that I Should Hoe Corn?': Marriage as Imperialism, Marriage as Resistance: Dakota Country, 1835-45," A World of Citizens: Women, History, and the Vision of Linda K. Kerber," Oct. 5-6, Iowa City, Iowa.
- "SOCC it to 'em: Teaching Historical Thinking Skills in High School and College," Organization of American Historians Annual Meeting, April 18-22, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

- "Course Design for Historians," Workshop for Graduate History Instructors, University of Iowa, Department of History, April 14,.
- "Catherine Denial" at the Humanities Storycorps Project, University of Iowa, February. <http://clas.uiowa.edu/history/graduate/humanities-story-corps>
- 2011 "Teaching College-Level History," Workshop for Graduate History Instructors, University of Iowa, Department of History, August 18.
- 2010 "Strategies for Teaching History at the Undergraduate Level," Presentation at Graduate History Instructor Workshop, University of Iowa, Department of History, August 19.
- "The Digital Early Republic," Roundtable Panelist, Society for Historians of the Early American Republic Annual Meeting, July 22-25, Rochester, New York.
- "Life after Schaeffer Hall." Roundtable panelist, University of Iowa, Department of History, May 10, Iowa City, Iowa.
- Panel Commenter, The May Brodbeck Symposium: New Voices in Women's and Gender History, May 9, The University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa.
- "To Calm the Sterner Passions of Man: Women, Politics, and the History of Marriage in the United States." Women's History Month Guest Speaker, Carl Sandburg Community College, March 18, Galesburg, Illinois.
- 2009 "Exhibiting History: Making the Lincoln-Douglas Debate Come Alive." Professional Development Workshop for Teachers (with Knox students Erin Souza and Margaret Spiegel), Conference on Illinois History, October 1-2, Springfield, Illinois.
- "Pelagie Farribault's Island: Property, Kinship, and the Contested Meaning of Marriage in Dakota Country, Fort Snelling, 1820-1838." Society for Historians of the Early American Republic Annual Meeting, July 16-19, Springfield, Illinois.
- "Pelagie Farribault's Island: Marriage, Property, and Race in the Great Lakes Borderlands, 1819-1845," Fridays at Four Series, Knox College, February 27, Galesburg, Illinois.
- 2008 "'Mutually Desirous of Dissolving the Marriage Contract': Unpacking the Meaning of an Anglo-American Divorce in Dakota and Ojibwe Country, 1835-1845." The State We're In: Creative and Critical Approaches to Minnesota History at 150, May 28-30, Collegeville, Minnesota.
- Panel Chair and Commenter: Minnesota in the Mid-Nineteenth Century. The State We're In: Creative and Critical Approaches to Minnesota History at 150, May 28-30, Collegeville, Minnesota.

2007 "From Chaos to Citizenship: Revising the American History Survey Course," ACM FaCE Workshop: Teaching History Survey Courses, April 14, 2007, Monmouth, Illinois.

Panel Commenter *in absentia*: Native Americans and Europeans in Colonial America. Missouri Valley History Conference, March 1-3, 2007, Omaha, Nebraska.

2006 "Bringing History Home: Transforming K-5 Social Studies Education in Five Iowa School Districts," Illinois Association of Teacher Educators Conference, October 27, 2006, Knox College, Galesburg, Illinois.

ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Peer Reviewer

Ethnohistory

Journal of American History

Minnesota History

Syllabus

Manuscript Reviewer

Bedford/St. Martins

Westview Press

2001- **U.S. Department of Education / Bringing History Home and the Grant Wood**
2012 **History Institute**

Lead Historian, K-12 Educators' Professional Development Program.

<http://www.bringinghistoryhome.org>

- Lead Historian for implementation of grants totaling more than \$3.5 million, serving over 900 K-12 teachers in Iowa, Alaska, Illinois, Michigan, Missouri, New Mexico, and Wyoming.
- Research, technical and pedagogical consultant for curriculum development and teacher training, K-6.
- Workshop leader at summer professional development workshops and school-year in-services, Washington, Perry, Cedar Rapids, and Prairie school districts, Iowa; Community Unit School District #205, Galesburg, Illinois.
- Pre-service teacher recruitment, Knox College and teacher recruitment, Community Unit School District 205, Galesburg, Illinois.
- Author of website materials on applying BHH practices in the college classroom.

2008 **Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Publishing Company, 2008**

Project Reviewer, K-6 Social Studies Division

- Reviewed prototype technology for grades 2 and 5, Virginia Social Studies package. Checked the historical accuracy of all content, and made suggestions for revamping

the interactive portions of the student package with an eye to greater attention to cultural diversity and more hands-on historical analysis.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- 2015 Participant, Summer Workshop on Dialogic Pedagogy, Knox College, August 11-12.
- Participant, Northeastern Conference on Intergroup Relations, Skidmore College, Saratoga Springs, New York, June 7-10.
- 2014 Participant, Summer Pedagogy workshop on Diversity and Inclusivity in the Classroom, August 18-20.
- Member of the Knox College delegation, NACUA February Workshop, "Student Sexual Misconduct: Addressing Institutional Culture and Compliance," Miami, Florida, February 28-March 1.
- 2013 Member of the Knox College delegation, National Intergroup Dialogue Institute, University of Michigan, June 19-22.
- "Why You Can't Teach U.S. History Without American Indians," a conference celebrating 40 years of the D'Arcy McNickle Center, Newberry Library, May 3-4.
- Member of Knox College delegation, ACM FaCE Conference on Technology and the Liberal Arts, Grinnell College, April 14-16, 2013
- 2007 Member of Knox College delegation, ACM FaCE Conference on Racial and Ethnic Diversity, Colorado College, September 28-30, 2007.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Knox College

COURSES

- First-Year Preceptorial
- American History I: Colonial Era to 1865
- American Indian Religious Freedom
- Feminist Methodologies
- Great American Debates: The History of Marriage in the United States
- Great American Debates: The History of Birth Control and Reproduction in the United States
- Historian's Workshop
- Introduction to Latin American History
- Key Issues in American Indian History since 1870
- Museums, Monuments and Memory
- Social Justice Dialogues: Race and Ethnicity
- Social Justice Dialogues: Facilitation

- Social Justice Dialogues: Practicum
- The Meaning of Time and Place in American Indian Cultures
- Topics in Women's and Gender History: Women, Gender and the American Revolution
- U.S. Women's History

INDEPENDENT STUDIES

- 2015 Reading the Revolution in Children's Literature, Sophie Croll and Ai Miller, Winter.
- 2014 The Imperial Tightrope [Colonial Congo], Celinda Davis, Fall.
- Investigating Monuments, Sophie Croll, Fall.
- Soviet Feminism, Emily Lobenstein, Spring.
- Hawaiiana Cultural Studies, Tony Foley, Spring.
- 2013 El Rancho de Las Golondrinas: A Living History Museum, Brynn Cole, Summer.
- The History of East Africa, Tom Courtwright, Spring.
- Family Life in the Nineteenth-Century United States, Caitlin Harrison, Spring.
- 2012 Archives Work as Human Rights Work, Laura Crossley, Fall.
- Gender and Indigenous Cultures, Sheivy Arguelles, Winter.
- 2011 Memory, Place, and Memorialization, Kaitlyn Robbins, Winter.
- 2009 Knox Website: History Page(s) Redesign, Grant Forsberg, Spring.
- National Railroad Hall of Fame: The Harvey Girls, Margaret Spiegel, Spring.
- Feminist Theory and Female Body Image, Amelia Garcia, Spring.
- Women in the U.S. West, Elena Gleason, Winter.
- Chinese Immigrants to the U.S. West, Lauren Moody, Winter.
- 2007 Native American Conversion Experiences, Molly Claverie, Spring.
- U.S. Counter-Culture in the 1950s, Sara Eldridge, Elena Gleason, Laura Hapeman, Karlina Trachsel, Spring.
- Readings in the U.S. Civil War, Maurice Harris and Jake Marcet, Winter.
- 2006 Ojibwe and Dakota History, Johanna Blume, Spring.

CAPSTONE AND SENIOR PROJECTS

- 2011 "Reproductive Freedom: Equality as a Reproductive Issue in Science Fiction and Fantasy." Samuel Harrison, *Gender and Women's Studies*, Spring.
- 2009 "Media Representations of Femininity During the Civil War: The Mary Secort Case." Erin Souza, *American Studies*, Fall.
- "Colonialism and Domestic Violence on American Indian Reservations." Ashley Olson, *American Studies*, Winter.
- "A New Direction in U.S.-Latin American Relations?" Jean-Igor Michaux, *Integrated International Studies*, Winter.
- 2008 "Feminist Responses to Hillary Clinton's Presidential Bid." Kathryn Sweet, *Gender and Women's Studies*, Spring.

MCNAIR RESEARCH

- 2014 "Landscapes of Regeneration: Embracing the Familial in Garrett Hongo's Poetry." Tony Foley.
- 2009 "Female Body Image and Advertising in Contemporary America." Amelia Garcia.

ASSET/FORD RESEARCH

- 2015 "Defining Transition: A Transgender Oral History Project," Ai Miller.
"Memorializing Mass Death in Europe and the United States," Sophia Croll.
- 2014 "Britain, Belgium, and the Congo," Celinda Davis.
- 2013 "Girl Talk: The Importance of Girl Group Music," Laura Pochodylo.
- 2012 "Race in Science Fiction Film and TV Shows," Sarah Zagotta.

HONORS COMMITTEES

Chair

- 2016 Ai Miller, "Defining Transition: A Transgender Oral History Project" (provisional title). *History*
- Sophia Croll, "Memorializing Mass Death in Europe and the United States," (provisional title). *History*.
- 2015 Emily Lobstein, "The Triumph of 'Domestic Trash': A Russian Feminism of the Everyday, and the Influence of U.S. Feminism, 1960-1990." *History*.
- 2014 Rebekah Lauer, "Female Political Consciousness at Knox College, 1960-1975." *Gender and Women's Studies*.

- 2010 Margaret Spiegel, " 'They Brought the Railroad With Them': The Irish Immigrant Experience in Galesburg, 1850-1870." History.

Committee Member

- 2014 Tom Courtright, "China, Africa, and Corruption," Integrated International Studies.

Gabrielle Rajerison, English Literature, (project transferred to an independent study, Winter term.

- 2010 Laura Miller, Creative Writing (project transferred to an independent study, Winter term.

- 2008 Christopher Guthrie, "Dialoguing Race: Public Debate over U.S. Slavery, 1830-1860." History, 2008.

- 2007 Johanna Blume, "Loving Them As Well as Our Selves: Finding Middle Ground between the Dakota and the Missionaries at Lac Qui Parle, 1835-1845." American Studies. Primary supervisor of research.

RESEARCH ASSISTANT SUPERVISION

- 2014 Elian Mercado, Winter and Spring.

TEACHING ASSISTANT SUPERVISION

- 2015 Kathryn Suits, The History of Birth Control and Reproduction, Winter.

- 2014 Celinda Davis, American History to 1865, Spring.

Tyler Oakey and Laura Crossley, Museums, Monuments, and Memory, Spring.

- 2012 Courtney Tichler and Kaitlyn Robbins, Museums, Monuments, and Memory, Spring.

Timothy Schmeling, Historian's Workshop, Winter.

- 2011 Kaitlyn Robbins, Introduction to Latin American History, Fall.

- 2010 Grant Forssberg, Margaret Spiegel, Erin Souza, Museums, Monuments and Memory, Spring.

- 2009 Tighe Burke, First-Year Preceptorial, Fall.

- 2007 Evan Holmes, First-Year Preceptorial, Fall.

POST-BACCALAUREATE SUPERVISION

- 2014 Sarah Zagotta, assistant in preparing for Museums, Monuments, and Memory.

- 2012 Kaitlyn Robbins, 175th Anniversary timeline for the Knox College website; assistant

in preparing for Museums, Monuments, and Memory.

- 2010 Grant Forssberg, 'History of Knox College' project for the Knox College website; assistant in preparing for Museums, Monuments, and Memory.

SERVICE

External

Outside Reviewer, Lake Forest College Department of History, December 1-2, 2014

Knox College

Elected positions

- Executive Committee of the Faculty, 2013-2016
 - Chair, Faculty Affairs Subcommittee, 2014-2015
- Observer to the Board of Trustees, 2011-2013

Faculty Committees

- Academic Standing Committee, 2012-2013.
- Cultural Events Committee, 2012.
- Curriculum Committee, 2007-2010

Other Knox Committees

- Ford Fellowship/ASSET Committee, 2010-2015.
- Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Task Force, 2014
- Alumni Hall and Old Main Museums Exhibits Committee, 2007-2014.
- Knox College 175th Anniversary Celebration committee, 2010-2011.
- Education Liaison Committee, 2006, 2010.
- Appointed Faculty Member, Trustee Committee on Alumni Hall, 2009-2010.
- First Year Preceptorial Steering Committee, 2006-2008; 2009-2010.
- Honorary Degrees Subcommittee, 2007-2010.
- Teacher Education Committee, 2007.
- Old Main 150th Anniversary Committee, 2007.

Other Knox Service

- AAUW campus rep, 2013 to present
- Title IX Deputy Coordinator, 2014

Department Service

2015 American Historical Association Tuning Project liaison (with Danielle Fatkin)

2010- Coordinator of Assessment

2014

Selected Other Service

2015 Faculty co-facilitator (with Gabrielle Raley), "Tears, Rage, and Accusations: Managing Conflict in the Classroom," Faculty Development Workshop.

Faculty co-facilitator (with Gabrielle Raley), "Dialogue on Race, Power, and the Campus Climate," Admissions retreat.

Faculty co-trainer and facilitator, Martin Luther King, Jr. teach-in.

2014 Faculty Panel Member, Admissions Open House

Faculty Panel Member, "The Value of a Liberal Arts Education," Homecoming Event

Co-leader, "Diversity and Difficult Dialogues," One Community Orientation

2013 Adviser to Kolorworks, the Knox College Color Guard

College guest, Washington D.C. Knox Club events

Panel member, "Birth Control and Class," Advocates for Choice-sponsored community discussion

Featured speaker, "My Experience as a First Generation College Student," TRIO event

2011 Solicitation of Parent Giving, Letter for Office of Advancement

Faculty speaker (with John Spittell), Multicultural and International Students' Orientation

On-site coordinator, Knox College participation in the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum's world record attempt re: Lincoln's Farewell Address

2010 Presentation to the Alumni Council on HIST 347: Museums, Monuments, and Memory

Introductory Remarks and Facilitator, "African American Women's Body Image," Women of Influence-sponsored community discussion

2009 Presentation to the Trustees' Wives Group on the history of Siwash
Opening Lecture, First-Year Preceptorial

Presentation to the Board of Trustees on the history of Siwash
History Department Representative, Honors Banquet
Judge, Proctor Fenn Sherwin Prize (Best FP Paper)
Boren Scholarship Interview Committee, February 2009
Panel member, "Approaches to Research," McNair Program
2008 Coordinator, Boomtown 1858 Exhibition, Homecoming
Coordinator, Boomtown 1858 Exhibition, Lincoln Colloquium
Coordinator, Phi Beta Kappa Visiting Speaker: Laurel Thatcher Ulrich (Harvard University)
Panel member, "Gender Roles and the Media," Gentlemen of Quality-sponsored community discussion
Panel member, "Talking about Teaching," faculty roundtable