

Rebecca Andersen
Lecturer, History

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Education

Graduate Certificate, eLearning Design (in progress)
University of Georgia

Ph.D. U.S. History, emphasis in public history (2015)
Dissertation: "Between Mountain and Lake: An Urban Mormon Country
Chair: Susan Gray

M.A. World History, University of Utah (2008)
Thesis: "Zionism in Zion: Salt Lake City's Jewish Community and Israel"
Chair: Edward Davies III

B.A. Double Major, History and Anthropology, Weber State University, Magna Cum Laude
(2004)

Academic & Service Appointments

Utah State University, 2017 to present

I currently serve as Lecturer of History at Utah State University with a 75% teaching and a 25% service commitment.

Courses Currently Taught

HIST 2710 U.S. History 1877-present (face-to-face, online, hybrid)
HIST 3850 Utah History (face-to-face, online)

HIST 3080 Mormonism and the American Religious Experience (face-to-face, online)
HIST 4020 Introduction to Public History (face-to-face)
HIST 6020 Public History Theory and Methods (face-to-face)

Department Service

Undergraduate Committee (2021-present)
Graduate Program Advisory Committee (2020-present)
Department Search Committee (2020)
Public History and Internships coordinator (2017-present)

Undergraduate Student Committees

Abigail Larsen, senior paper supervisor (2019)

Graduate Student Committees

Cathy Gillmore, Plan A thesis committee member (2021- present)
Michelle Robinson, Plan A thesis committee member (2021-present)
McKall Ruell, Plan A thesis committee member (2020-present)
Brian Passantino, Plan A thesis committee member (2019-2020)
Landon Wilkey, Plan B thesis committee member (2018-2019)
Zachary Larsen, Plan A thesis committee member (2018-2019)
Raelyn Johnstun, Plan B thesis committee member (2018-2019)
Rachel Ross, outside department thesis committee member (2018-2019)
Emily Gurr, Plan B thesis committee (2017-2018)
Kelli Morrill, Plan A thesis committee (2017-2018)

Non-USU Service

Mormon History Association Local Arrangements Committee (2021-present)
Membership Committee, National Council on Public History (2020-present)
Advisory Board of Editors, *Utah Historical Quarterly* (2017-present)
Mormon History Association Graduate Awards Committee (2018-2021)

Arizona State University, 2016-2017 Clinical Assistant Professor

I served as History internship coordinator and taught a variety of graduate courses for ASU's online Master's program.

Courses Taught

HST 502 Public History Methods (online)
HST 580 Professional Experience/Internship (online/on ground)
HST 598 Public History, Media & Memory (online)

HST 306 Mormonism and the American Religious Experience (online)
HST 100 World History to 1500 (online)

Public History Experience

As a public historian, I primarily facilitate and supervise student public history projects for clients typically outside Utah State University.

Individual Student Projects

Public Historian Consultant for Monique Davila, “100 years of Congregation Brith Sholem: Honoring the Jewish Community in Ogden, Utah,” (2021). Digital exhibit: <http://exhibits.usu.edu/exhibits/show/congregationbrithsholem>.
Completed for David Geller, Congregation Brith Sholem.

Faculty Exhibit Advisor for Kelsey Foster, “The Canals of Providence City” (2021). Digital exhibit: <http://exhibits.usu.edu/exhibits/show/providencecanals>.
Completed for the Providence City Historic Preservation Commission.

Faculty Exhibit Advisor for Brad Duncan, “The Utah-Idaho Central Railroad: Northern Utah’s Interurban Experience” (2020). Digital exhibit: <http://exhibits.usu.edu/exhibits/show/uicrailroad>
Completed for the Providence City Historic Preservation Commission.

Class Projects

Students researched the history of the Island Market, a small neighborhood corner grocery located in Logan, Utah, 2022.

Students wrote text for Hyrum City Museum exhibit “Blessed by Water Worked by Hand” 2021.

Students wrote and conducted walking tours for the Brigham City Museum, 2019.

Students provided exhibit support to Utah State University Special Collections exhibit “A World Transformed: The Transcontinental Railroad and Utah,” 2018. The exhibit was displayed at the Utah State Capitol in 2019.

Presentations

“Bound to the Land: Cove Fort in Kesler Family History and Memory,” Friends of the Logan Library, 2021.

Brigham City Library Book Group Discussion, 2021.

Presentation for Utah Thrive 125 Zoom event, 2021. Statement can be read here: <https://thrive125.utah.gov/2021/03/31/rebecca-andersens-statement-on-statehood/>

Utah Humanities Council Museum Interpretation Research Workshop, 2021. I presented on public history and its relationship to museum work.

“Looking for Mormons: Imagining a Land, Creating a People,” Mormon History Association, 2019.

“‘The Valleys of Ephraim are Full’: Stewardship, Sustainability, and the Mormon McMansion,” Mormon History Association Conference, 2017.

“‘Home Can Be a Heaven on Earth’: Gender Roles in Mormon Suburbia”, Western Historical Association Conference, 2015.

“‘Blossoming as the Rose’: Irrigating Wasatch front Agriculture and Industry” Utah Archives Month, 2014.

“‘For the Strength of the Hills’: Casting a Concrete Zion,” Western History Association Conference, 2013.

Publications

“Bound to the Land: Cove Fort in Kesler Family History and Memory,” *Utah Historical Quarterly*, Spring 2022 (forthcoming).

“‘For the Strength of the Hills’: Casting a Concrete Zion” in *The Earth Shall Appear as the Garden of Eden: Essays in Mormon Environmental History*, edited by Matthew C. Godfrey and Jedediah Rogers, (Salt Lake City: University of Utah Press, 2018).

“‘Dear Son Emil’: The Whitesides Family Letters, 1917-1919,” *Utah Historical Quarterly*, 86 (Summer 2018). Commemorative World War I issue.

“Zionism in Zion: The Salt Lake City Hadassah Chapter, 1943-1963,” *Utah Historical Quarterly*, 78 (Winter 2010).

“The Baron Woolen Mills: A Utah Legend,” *Utah Historical Quarterly*, 75 (Spring 2007).

Awards

Lecturer of the Year Award, College of Humanities and Social Sciences, Utah State University, 2022.

Teaching Excellence Award, Graduate Professional Student Association, Arizona State University, Spring 2014.

Charles Redd Fellowship in Western American History, Brigham Young University, 2013-14.

References Upon Request