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Education: M.A. in U.S. and Western History from Brigham Young University, 1989.

Thesis: *Antoine Robidoux and the Fur Trade of the Uintah Basin, 1824-1844.*

B.A. in history from Brigham Young University, 1987.

A.S. Dixie College, St. George, Utah, 1986.

Present Role: Principal Lecturer of History at Utah State University State-Wide Campus System. I began serving at Utah State University's Uintah Basin Campus in the fall of 1988.

Teaching role (80%) I teach History at the Uintah Basin Campus. My IDEA (Student Evaluations) are among the top in the department. I have prepared and taught the following courses:

- NAS 1010 (Introduction to Native American Studies), Online.
- USU 1300 (American Institutions), Face-to-Face, IVC
- USU 1320 (Civilization Humanities), Face-to-Face, IVC
- History 2700 (U.S. History Part I), On-Line, Face-to-Face, IVC
- History 2710 (U.S. History Part II), Face-to-Face, IVC
- History 3000 (History Research Methods). Face-to-Face, IVC
- History 3850 (Utah's History), On-Line. Face-to-Face, IVC
- History 3720 (Colonial History), Face-to-Face, IVC
- History 4600 (American West), On-Line. Face-to-Face, IVC
- History 4640 (Studies in the American West), Face-to-Face, IVC
- History 4710 (American Indian History), On-Line, Face-to-Face, IVC
- History 4011 Ute History, Face-to-Face, IVC (I have taught this course at Ute Tribal Education Building to all Ute Students).
- History 4880/6880 (summer field trip course),
- History 4930 (Directed Readings),
- History 4990 (Senior Seminar Capstone).

Research/Writing (15%)

Current projects include:

- "Anomalies in Ute History," an article for scholarly journal of history.
- *Utes and Mountain Men*, a book manuscript I hope to have published at University of Utah Press or University of Oklahoma Press.

Service (5%)

- Member for Tameron Williams, Committee Masters/Thesis: successfully completed.
- Member for Rebecca Anderson's promotion committee to Senior Lecturer History.
- Ryan Badger, Chair MA Student Committee, 2017.
- Hayden Call, Committee Member, Plan B Master's Defense Committee 2014.
- Native American Studies Steering Committee. 2015 – 2018. Received approval to offer a minor in NAS.
- USU Academic Standards Committee 2012 – 2014.
- 20+ hiring committees 1990 – 2018.

Non-USU Boards:

- Duchesne County Public Land Use Committee (2017 – present)
- Northeastern Counseling Board of Directors (2011 – 2019),
- Utah History Board (2004 – 07), Appointed by Utah Governor Oleen Walker.
- Uintah County Youth Corrections Board of Directors (1997 – 2001),
- Uintah Arts Counsel (1990 – 96),
- Land Use Board for Duchesne County (2018 – Present).

Guest Lecturer Summers 2007 – 09, I accompanied teachers (elementary and secondary) on week-long history trips serving as the primary lecturer for Teaching American History National Grant.

- 2007: Utah, Colorado, New Mexico: Primary study topics included Mountain Men, Dominguez and Escalante Expedition, Ute Indians, Anasazi and Fremont Indians, Mormon Settlement and Mountain Meadows Massacre.
- 2008: We visited Wyoming, Nebraska, South Dakota, with major study topics of Plains Indians and Wars, Oregon Trail travel, Military Affairs and Forts of the 19th Century.
- 2009: We visited New Mexico and Southern Utah with primary study in Pueblo Cultures, Fremont Cultures, and Southwest Indians.

Trails West Trips: This award-winning course was a unique field-trip class that I developed to add exciting methods of study for both undergraduate and graduate students interested in Western and Native American History. I planned and took students on trips that consisted of 7 – 12 days in the field where we traveled historical trails (via highway routes), visited significant sites, read and studied primary documents on the topics, listened to special lectures and presentations, and intensely studied Western History/ Native American History topics. (Due to budget and travel concerns I have not taught this class since 2008).

- 2008 Oregon Trail and the Black Hills.
- 2007 Southwest Indians
- 2007 John Wesley Powell on the Green River.
- 2006 Uintah Basin History
- 2005 Mt. Man rendezvous and Indian Battle sites.
- 2004 Lewis and Clark Route from the Missouri River to the Pacific Coast
- 2003 Texas Independence and the Old Chisolm Trail
- 2002 California Gold Rush.
- 2001 Mt. Man rendezvous and Indian Battle sites.
- 2000 The Dominguez/Escalante Route
- 1999 The Oregon Trail and the Lewis and Clark Route
- 1998 Western Indian Battle Sites.

Leadership Roles: Director of Faculty Affairs: In addition to my duties as Assistant Professor of History. I served on the management team starting fall 2009 through spring 2011 representing faculty.

Student Services Director/ History Instructor: In August 1993, I was named Student Services Director at the Uintah Basin Branch Campus of Utah State University and served until 1996 in that role. I advised students in all major/minors, coordinated advising with faculty members and departments, trained faculty in advising, oversaw recruiting and orientation, was the certifying official for the Veterans Administration. I assisted and coordinated with the main campus student services including admissions, financial aid, graduation, advising and degree requirements. I was responsible for library and visual services, testing services, and directing the teaching assistants. I served on the administrative team, along with the Director and Assistant Director of the Branch Campus.

History Instructor /Student Advisor/ Administrative Assistant at USU Uintah Basin. I taught the 1988-89 academic year on a one-year contract and the next year secured a full-time appointment as student advisor/history instructor.

Scholarship:

Books Authored: (5)

- *Upon the Shoulders of Giants: A Brief History of Utah State University's Regional Campus System*, (Logan: Utah State University Provost's Office, 2016).
- *A Remarkable Past and a Bright Future: A History of Moon Lake Electric Association*, (Atlanta, Georgia: The Dunning Publishing Company, 2013).
- *A History of Duchesne County*, (Salt Lake City: Utah State Historical Society, 1998).
- *From Tabernacle to Temple – The Story of the Vernal Utah Temple* (Vernal, Ut: S.T. Tabernacle, 1998). (Co-Authored with Kathleen Irving).
- *Buckskin Entrepreneur -- Antoine Robidoux and the Fur Trade in the Uinta Basin, 1824-1844*, (Vernal, Utah: Oakfield Press, 1996).

Refereed Articles and Chapters: (14)

- "160 Acres and a Lifetime of Toil," *Outlaw Trail Journal*, (Summer 2022).
- "Skinwalkers: Cultural and Historical Insights from the Perspective of a Non-Native Author," *Outlaw Trail Journal*, (Spring 2021).
- "Ute Chief Walkara and the Great Horse Raid of 1839," *Outlaw Trail Journal*, (Spring 2020).
- "Reflections on Thirty Years of Teaching for Utah State University Distance Education," *Journal on Empowering Teaching Excellence*, Vol. 1, Issue 2. Utah State University, November 2017.
- Appendix Chapter entitled, "The Evolution of Distance Education at Utah State University," John D. Barton, Elisa Taylor, and Robert W. Wagner. *Interdisciplinary Approaches to Distance Teaching: Connecting Classrooms in Theory and Practice*, Edited by Alan Blackstock and Nathan Straight, Routledge, 2016. I was the primary author on this appendix.
- "Forts Davy Crockett and Kit Carson," *Outlaw Trail Journal*, (Fall 2013).
- "The Dawes Act and the Northern Utes," *Outlaw Trail Journal*, (Summer 2011).
- "The Utah War and the Mountain Meadows Massacre," *Outlaw Trail Journal*, (Summer 2007).
- Chapter entitled "Mining in the Uintah Basin," *From the Ground Up: A History of Mining in Utah*, Utah State University Press 2006.
- "Jurisdiction of Ute Lands," *American Indian Law Review*, (XXVI No. 1, 2001-02) 133 - 146. (Co-Authored with Candace Barton).

- "The Common Touch: Why Cassidy Was Successful Then and Remembered Now," *Blue Mountain Shadows*, 15 (Summer 1995), 2 – 6.
- "Antoine Robidoux -- Buckskin Entrepreneur," *The Outlaw Trail Journal*, 3 and 4 (Summer/Fall 1993 and Winter/Spring 1994), 35-44.
- "Fort Uintah and the Reed Trading Post," *Montana; Magazine of Western History*, 1 (Winter 1993), 50-57.
- "Outlaws, Lawmen, Law-abiding Citizens, and Mormons," *The Outlaw Trail Journal*, 1 (Summer 1991), 11-16.

Encyclopedia Entries: (6)

- "Fort Robidoux," *Utah History Encyclopedia*, edited by Allan Kent Powell, (Salt Lake City: The University of Utah Press 1994), 76.
- "Fort Davy Crockett," *Utah History Encyclopedia*, edited by Allan Kent Powell, (Salt Lake City: The University of Utah Press 1994), 148 - 149.
- "Butch Cassidy," *Utah History Encyclopedia*, edited by Allan Kent Powell, (Salt Lake City: The University of Utah Press 1994), 198 - 199.
- "Outlaws In Utah," *Utah History Encyclopedia*, edited by Allan Kent Powell, (Salt Lake City: The University of Utah Press 1994), 201.
- "Roosevelt," *Utah History Encyclopedia*, edited by Allan Kent Powell, (Salt Lake City: The University of Utah Press 1994), 403 - 404.
- "Duchesne" *Utah History Encyclopedia*, edited by Allan Kent Powell, (Salt Lake City: The University of Utah Press 1994), 474.

Book Reviews for Scholarly Journals (30, all invited):

- *Far Western Basketmaker Beginnings: The Jackson Flat Reservoir Project*, Heidi Roberts, Richard V.N. Ahlstrom, and Jerry Spangler, editors: (Salt Lake City, Utah: University of Utah Press, 2022, Reviewed for *Utah Historical Quarterly*, Sept. 2023.
- *The Frontier Army: Episodes from Dakota and the West*, Edited by R. Eli Paul. Pierre: South Dakota Historical Society Press, 2019. Reviewed for *Annals of Wyoming*, November 2019.
- *Road to War: The 1871 Yellowstone Surveys*. Edited by M. John Lubetkin, (Norman: The Arthur Clark Company, 2016). Reviewed for *Annals of Wyoming*, Spring 2018.
- *Powder River: Disastrous Opening of the Great Sioux War*, By Paul L. Hedren. Reviewed for *Western Historical Quarterly*, Vol.48, Issue 4. Ppgs 448-449, June 14, 2017.
- *Fighting in Canyon Country: Native American conflict 500 AD to the 1920s*, Robert S. McPherson, reviewed for *Utah Historical Quarterly*, Spring 2017.
- *The Awkward State of Utah: Coming of Age in the Nation 1896 – 1945*. By Charles S. Peterson and Brian Q. Cannon, reviewed for *Pacific Historical Review*, August 2016.
- *Great Basin Indians: An Encyclopedic History*, by Michael Hittman, reviewed for *Utah Historical Quarterly*, Fall 2014.
- *Lewis and Clark Among the Nez Perce: Strangers in the Land of the Nimiipuu*, by Allen V. Pinkham and Steven R. Evans, reviewed for *Utah Historical Quarterly*, Spring 2014.
- *The Brothers Robidoux and the Opening of the American West*, by Robert J. Willoughby, reviewed for *Utah Historical Quarterly*, Fall 2013.
- *Assault on the Deadwood Stage*, by Robert K. DeArment, reviewed for *South Dakota Historical Journal*, Spring 2013.
- *The Bronco Bill Gang*, by Karen Holliday Tanner and John D. Tanner, Jr., (University of Oklahoma Press, 2011), reviewed for *New Mexico Historical Quarterly*, fall 2011.
- *Kit Carson: The Life of an American Border Man*, by David Remley, (University of Oklahoma Press, 2011), Reviewed for *Utah Historical Quarterly*, Fall 2011.
- *Fur, Fortune, and Empire: The Epic History of the Fur Trade in America*, by Eric Jay Dolin, W.W. Norton, reviewed for *Utah Historical Quarterly*, Winter 2011.
- *Whispering Smith: His Life and Adventures*, by Allen P. Bristow, reviewed for *New Mexico Historical Review*, Fall 2011.

- *Deadly Dozen 3, Twelve Forgotten Gunfighters of the Old West*, by Robert K. DeArment, for *Western Historical Quarterly*, Summer 2010.
- *The Sundance Kid: The Life of Harry Alonzo Longabaugh*, by Donna R. Ernst, reviewed for *South Dakota Historical Society*. (Summer 2009).
- *The Chouteaus: First Family of the Fur Trade*, by Stan Hoig, for *Utah Historical Quarterly*. (Fall 2008).
- *Deadly Dozen II: Twelve Forgotten Gunfighters of the Old West*, by Robert K. DeArment, for *Western Historical Quarterly*. (Summer 2008).
- *Making Space on the Western Frontier*, by Paul Reeve reviewed for *New Mexico Historical Review*, (Fall 2007).
- *The Navajo People and Uranium Mining*, by Doug Grugge, Timothy Benally, and Esther Yazzie-Lewis editors, (University of New Mexico Press, 2007), reviewed for *H-Net Reviews*, Michigan State University, (Summer 2007).
- *Spreading the Word: A History of Information in the California Gold Rush*, by Richard T. Stillson, for *Utah Historical Quarterly*, (Summer 2007).
- *Deadly Dozen: Twelve Forgotten Gunfighters of the Old West*, by Robert K. DeArment, for *Western Historical Quarterly*. (Summer 2005).
- *The Overland Journey from Utah to California*, by Edward Leo Lyman, *Utah Historical Quarterly*. (Spring 2005).
- *The Dispossessed: Cultural Genocide of the Mixed Blood Utes, An Advocate's Chronicle*. Parker M. Nielson. (Norman: University of Oklahoma Press: 1998). *Utah Historical Quarterly*.
- *A Rendezvous Reader: Tall, Tangled and True Tales of the Mountain Men, 1805-1850*. Edited by James H. Maguire, Peter Wild, and Donald Barclay. (Salt Lake City: University of Utah Press, 1997). Reviewed for *Utah Historical Quarterly* 66 (Spring 1998), 188-189.
- *The Tall Texan - The Story of Ben Kilpatrick* (Deer Lodge, Montana: Trail Dust Publishing Inc., 1996), Reviewed for *The Outlaw Trail Journal*, 1 (Winter/Spring 1996), 47.
- *Digging Up Butch and Sundance*, by Anne Meadows, (New York: St. Martin's Press, 1994), Reviewed for *The Outlaw Trail Journal*, 2 (Summer/Fall 1994), 42.
- *Ann Bassett alias Etta Place*, by Doris K. Burton, (Vernal, Utah: Burton Enterprises, 1992). Reviewed for *The Outlaw Trail Journal*, 1 (Winter/Spring 1993), 46.
- *In The Company Of Cowboys*, by Howard E. Greager, (New York: Vintage Press, Inc., 1990). Reviewed for *The Outlaw Trail Journal*, 2 (Summer/Fall 1992), 48.
- *Astoria and Empire*, by James P. Ronda. (Lincoln: University of Nebraska Press, 1990). Reviewed for *Utah Historical Quarterly*, 59 (Winter 1991): 95, 96.

Professional Editorial work:

- Gibbs-Smith Publisher, edit/review *Utah's History*, being prepared for 4 – 5th grades.
- Johns Hopkins University Press invited me to perform a critical evaluation of *A Brave New World: A History of Early America, 3rd Edition*, by Peter Charles Hoffer, Completed Feb. 23, 2021.
- Reviewed an article for publication for *The Journal on Empowering Teaching Excellence* entitled: "Does increased online interaction between instructors and students positively affect a student's perception of quality for an online course?" by Jennifer Hunter and Brayden Ross. March 2019.
- Reviewed an article manuscript for consideration to be published by the *Western Historical Quarterly*. September 2018.
- Reviewed an article for publication in the *Journal on Empowering Teaching Excellence*, "Stalled at the Gate: Addressing Student Failure in a Gateway Course," by Susan Neel. (9/8/17).
- Historic Content Editor for *The Wild West, Notorious Outlaws*, by Anita Yasuda, Core Library, Minneapolis: Abdo Consulting Group, 2016.
- Reviewed book manuscript on William Smart for Utah State University Press, 2008. The manuscript was published as *The Last Pioneer: William Smart*, Utah State University Press, 2008.

- Reviewed article on Uintah Basin History for *Utah Historical Quarterly*, 2008.
- Reviewed text manuscript on American History for Oxford University Press, 2008.
- **Founding Editor** of *The Outlaw Trail Journal*, Vol. 1 (Summer/Fall 1991), Vol. 2 (Winter/Spring 1992), Vol. 1 (Summer/Fall 1992), Vol. 2 (Winter/Spring 1993). This history journal is currently being published semi-annually in its 30th year. The format and layout I initially established is still being utilized.
- Guest Editor, *Blue Mountain Shadows*, (Summer 1995). A journal of history of the Four Corners region of Utah.

Radio and Television:

- Interviewed by Allison Pond and Michael Aguilar on NPR Podcast: Jan. 27, 2021 highlighting Josie Bassett and Katherine Preston Nutter as ranching women in Utah's History, for *This Is Her Place* Podcast funded by Utah State University's *Year of the Woman* initiative, aired on National Public Radio.
- I created a Radio Broadcast Series called *History Matters* for Radio Station AM 1250 KNEU and Jack FM 93.5. It consists of short radio spots highlighting local history stories. I record these spots at the radio station, and the stories rotate in a twice weekly broadcast. Presently I have created and recorded 45 *History Matters* spots.
- I was filmed as a history expert concerning the Lost Gold of the Uinta Mountains for the *Discovery Channel* program "Mystery at Blind Frog Ranch." The episode I was featured in aired January 9th, 2021.

Other Scholarly Contributions:

- *Tutorial: Reading, Analyzing, Writing, and Footnoting for History*, published on-line at the home page for Utah State University History Department. This tutorial consists of a slide presentation complete with index for easy location of information and includes definitions of history, how to read documents, definitions of sources and references, common fallacies, writing for history with emphasis on thesis development, footnoting, plagiarism, and editing tips.
- Jack D. Barton, personal interview, taken by John D. Barton, published in *Utah Remembers World War II*, by Kent Powell. (Logan: Utah State University Press, 1991).
- I have prepared extended syllabi consisting of primary documents in electronic format located public access/copyright, written introductions, and study questions and/or guides to be used in my USU 1320 Western Civilizations (47 Documents), History 2700 (10 documents), History 3850 (1 document), History 4600 (3 documents), History 4710 (2 Documents). Student access for these documents is USU Canvas.

Other Professional Presentations

- "Laying the Foundation for the Transcontinental Railroad," Feb. 7, 2019, USU Brigham City. This was part of a lecture series hosted by USU Brigham City and Utah Historical Association to commemorate the 150 years since the completion of the railroad.
- "Mountain Men and Utes," Utah Archaeological Conference, June 19, 2017, Vernal, Utah.
- "History of Utah State University's Regional Campus System," November 2, 2015, Logan, Utah.
- "Jurisdiction of Ute Lands," Uintah Basin Research Conference, March 2003, Roosevelt, Utah.
- November 1997: I was asked to prepare a history of Ashley Valley and the Tabernacle to be placed in the cornerstone of Vernal Temple by President Gordon B. Hinckley.
- Utah's Outlaws and their successes, Western Outlaw/Lawmen History Association's annual meeting, Denver, Colorado, July 1991.
- Keynote Speaker for the annual convention for the National Outlaw/Lawmen History Association, Vernal, Utah, July 1992.
- Presented critical review and led discussion groups for The Book Group, part of the Utah Endowment of the Humanities, (1992 – 96) books include:
 - *Bless Me Ultima* by Rudolfo A. Anaya,
 - *People of the Valley* by Frank Waters,
 - *Billy the Kid: A Short and Violent Life* by Robert Utley.

- *Mormon Country* by Wallace Stegner,
- *Riders of the Purple Sage* by Zane Grey,
- *Desert Solitaire* by Edward Abbey,
- *The Virginian* by Owen Wister.
- Speakers Bureau for the Utah Endowment of the Humanities (1992-99). I presented 38 lectures throughout all parts of the state to History Associations, Library Groups, Discussion Groups, Approved topics Twentieth Century Homesteaders, The Utes, Twentieth Century Pioneers – Homesteading in the Uinta Basin 1905, Utah's Mountain Men, Outlaws and Outlaw Myths.
- Lecturer for Elder Hostel groups sponsored by Utah Valley State College an average of four times a year (1990 – 1996). Topics include Outlaws, Mountain Men, Mormon History and Culture, Utah History, Ute History, Indians of the Intermountain West, and Uinta Basin History.
- Utah's Statehood Celebration, January 5, 1990, I lectured on Uintah Basin History, I followed Utah Governor Norman Bangertter on the program.

Teaching and research assistant for both the History and Church History Departments at Brigham Young University (1987-1988). I researched William W. Phelps – Early Mormon Convert and Pioneer; Interpretations of plural marriage, Doctrine and Covenants Section 132 before and after the 1890 Manifesto banning polygamy, the role of Navajo Scouts during the Apache Wars.

Recognitions and Awards:

- Researcher of the Year Award, 2014, Uintah Basin Regional Campus.
- Award of Appreciation, awarded by the State of Utah: Department of Community and Culture, May 2007, for service on the Utah State History Board.
- Award for Innovative Practices, 2004 Utah State University Continuing Education. Awarded in recognition for the Trails West Field Trip Program.
- Recognition for service as Director of Faculty Affairs and member of the Management Team for Utah State University Uintah Basin, 2001
- Teacher of the Year, 1999, USU-Uintah Basin Campus.
- Recognition for Outstanding Teacher on the COM/NET system of distance education. 1998.
- Merit Award from the Utah Humanities Council for the Outlaw Trail History Project. 1992.
- Awarded a Western History Research Fellowship through the Redd Center of Western Studies, Brigham Young University, 1988.