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Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

- 2020 Ph.D., Department of History, University of Oregon
Dissertation: "Sanitizing History: Environmental Cleanup and Historic Preservation in U.S. West Mining Communities" (Advisor: Marsha Weisiger)
- 2012 M.A., Department of History, Colorado State University
Minor: Public History
Graduate Teaching Certificate
Master's Thesis: "Denver Goes to the Movies: Engaging National-Scale Identity Shifts from Movie House to Movie Palace, 1900-1940"
- 2009 B.A., Department of History, Colorado State University
Minor: English
Magna Cum Laude
University Honors Scholar
Honor's Thesis: "Examining the Role of Film in Depression-Era America"

TEACHING AND PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT

Instructor of Record

- 2020 – present Assistant Professor of U.S. History, History Department, Utah State University Eastern (delivery methods indicated in parentheses)
American History (online asynchronous; broadcast; in-person)
U.S. History Since 1877 (online asynchronous; broadcast; in-person)
Women and Gender in America (broadcast)
Introduction to Public History (broadcast)
Public History Graduate Seminar (broadcast)
History Research Methods (online asynchronous)
Utah History (online asynchronous)
USU Connections (in-person)
- 2020 Professor pro tempore, History Department, University of Oregon
Women in US History II (online Summer 2020)
- 2017 – 2019 History Instructor, History Department, University of Oregon
Women in US History II (in-person Summer 2017; online Summer 2018, 19)
- 2012 – 2013 Faculty, History Department, Arapahoe Community College
U.S. History Since 1865 (in-person Summer 2013)
U.S. History to 1865 (in-person Summer 2013, Fall 2012)

Colorado History (in-person Spring 2013)

Teaching Fellowships and Assistantships

- 2019 – 2020 Graduate Fellow, Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Department, University of Oregon
Bodies and Power (Fall 2019 and Spring 2020)
Feminist Theory (Winter 2020)
- 2020 Digital Pedagogy Fellow, History Department, University of Oregon
- 2013 – 2019 Graduate Teaching Fellow, History Department, University of Oregon
U.S. History (Spring 2019, 2017, 2016, 2014; Winter 2018; Fall 2016, 2015)
Women in U.S. History (Winter 2017, 2016, 2015; Spring 2015)
African American History (Winter 2019)
Modern World History (Spring 2018)
Western Civilization (Fall 2018)
Food in World History (Fall 2017)
U.S. Environmental History (Fall 2016)
U.S. in the 1960s (Winter 2014)
Women and Gender in World History (Fall 2014)
Colonial Latin America (Fall 2013)
- 2018 Graduate Research Assistant, History Department, University of Oregon
- 2015 Graduate Student Assistant, Historic Preservation Program, University of Oregon
- 2010 – 2012 Graduate Teaching Assistant, History Department, Colorado State University
- 2008 – 2009 Undergraduate Teaching Assistant, History Department, Colorado State University
- 2006 – 2009 Work Study Assistant, Faculty Test Scoring Service, Colorado State University

Public History

- 2013 Historian/Researcher, Golden History Center
- 2011 – 2012 Research Assistant, Public Lands History Center
Photograph accessioning project, Fort Collins Utilities
Oral history project, Florissant Fossil Beds National Monument

Other relevant employment

- 2022 – present Assistant Editor, *Journal on Empowering Teaching Excellence*.

PUBLICATIONS

- In progress *Dirty, Dark, and Dangerous: Environmental Cleanup and Historic Preservation in US West Mining Communities.* (book manuscript)
- Under revision “Toxic Pasts: Industrial Heritage and Environmental Reconciliation in U.S. West Mining Towns” (manuscript for resubmission to *Environmental History*)
- Submitted Book Review. *Gold Metal Waters: The Animas River and the Gold King Mine Spill*, edited by Brad T. Clark and Pete McCormick (2021), in *Western Historical Quarterly* (forthcoming).
- Submitted Book Review. *Echoes of Exclusion and Resistance: Voices from the Hanford Region*, edited by Robert Bauman and Robert Franklin (2020), in *Pacific Northwest Quarterly* (forthcoming).
- 2022 Book Review. *Carbon County, USA: Miners for Democracy in Utah and the West*, by Christian Wright (2020), in *Utah Historical Quarterly* 90, no.2 (Spring 2022): 166-167. <https://scholarlypublishingcollective-org.dist.lib.usu.edu/uip/uhq/article/90/2/166/301818/Carbon-County-USA-Miners-for-Democracy-in-Utah-and>.
- 2021 Book Review. *War on the EPA: America’s Endangered Environmental Protections*, by William M. Alley and Rosemarie Alley (2020), for H-Net reviews (March 2021): <https://www.h-net.org/reviews/showpdf.php?id=55598>
- 2020 Book Review. *Flames of Discontent: The 1916 Minnesota Iron Ore Strike*, by Gary Kaunonen (2017), in *Indiana Magazine of History* 116, no. 2 (June 2020): 158-159.
- 2016 Book Review. *A Kennecott Story: Three Mines, Four Men, and One Hundred Years, 1887-1997*, by Charles Caldwell Hawley (2014), in *Pacific Northwest Quarterly* 106 (2016): 153.
- 2015 “Estella Bergere Leopold.” Colorado Encyclopedia Website <http://coloradoencyclopedia.org/article/estella-bergere-leopold>
- 2014 Book Review. *Vacationland: Tourism and Environment in the Colorado High Country*, by William Philpott (2013), in *Madison Historical Review*
- 2013 “Architectural Survival in a Dynamic Western Town,” in *Inside the Astor House* (Golden, Colo.: Golden History Museums, 2013)
- 2013 “The Best Show in Town: Motion Picture Theatre Architecture and Social Class in Denver 1900-1940,” *Marquee*, Volume 45, Number 3. Winner: Jeffrey Weiss Award for Theatre History Writing.

2012 “Florissant Fossil Beds National Monument Oral History Project Report,” Public Lands History Center website. Winner: Rocky Mountain Cooperative Ecosystems Studies Unit Award

AWARDS AND GRANTS

2020 – 2022 Mellon Fellow in Applied History, Center of the American West, University of Colorado- Boulder

2013 – 2020 Graduate Fellowship, University of Oregon

2019 Travel Award, Organization of American Historians

2019 Graduate Award, National Council on Public History

2019 M. Gregg Smith Fellowship, College of Arts and Sciences, University of Oregon

2019 Leah Kirker Memorial Award for Outstanding Teaching, Department of History, University of Oregon

2016, 2017, 2018, 2019 Richard D. Brown Summer Research Award, Department of History, University of Oregon

2017, 2018, 2019 Conference Travel Grant, Department of History, University of Oregon

2017 Risa Palm Graduate Fellowship, College of Arts and Sciences, University of Oregon

2017 Travel Grant, National Science Foundation

2016 Doctoral Research Fellowship, Oregon Humanities Center

2016 Research Grant, Mining History Association

2012 Student Award, Rocky Mountain Cooperative Ecosystems Studies Unit

2012 Jeffrey Weiss Award Theatre History Writing, Theatre Historical Society of America

2012 Outstanding Graduate Student, Department of History, Colorado State University

2012 Graduate Student Spotlight, Public Lands History Center

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND WORKSHOPS

2021 “Painful Reminders: Incorporating Race and Gender into Site Interpretation in the U.S. West” panel. American Historical Association.

- 2020 “Denizens, Dames, and Dirty Districts: The Hushed Histories of One of The American West’s Most Open Secrets.” Pacific Coast Branch American Historical Association.
- 2019 “Digging Deep for Freedom: The Long History of Environmental Justice in Intermountain Mining Towns.” Organization of American Historians.
- 2019 “Negotiating Power Lines: Economic Justice and the Ethics of Public History (Part II).” National Council on Public History.
- 2019 “Writing Effective Lectures.” University of Oregon History Workshop.
- 2018 “Please Do Clean This Town”: U.S. West Mining Town Environments and Postwar Urban Development, 1940-1970.” University of Oregon Workshop.
- 2018 “Negotiating Power Lines: Economic Justice and the Ethics of Public History.” National Council on Public History.
- 2017 “To Preserve or Clean Up? What Happens When Visual Evidence of the Past Challenges Public Memory and Health.” Oregon State University Environmental Arts and Humanities Conference.
- 2017 “Sanitized Landscapes: Racial Identity, Historic Preservation, and Environmentalism in U.S. West Mining Towns.” American Society for Environmental History.

INVITED TALKS

- 2022 “Toxic Legacies: Environmental Cleanup in US West Mining Towns.” Rocky Mountain Cooperative Ecosystems Studies Unit Speaker Series.
- 2022 “Trusting Bodies of Knowledge: A Case Study of Deciding Environmental Cleanup in US West Mining Towns.” Cooperative Ecosystems Studies Unit National Meeting.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- 2022 – present Governor-appointed member, Utah State Historical Records Advisory Board, Utah State Government
- 2022 – present American Studies Program Committee, Utah State University
- 2021 – present Representative, School of Teacher Education and Leadership Partners, Utah State University
- 2021 – present History Department Assessment Committee, Utah State University

- 2020 – present Faculty Mentor, Faculty Mentor-Student Mentee Program, Utah State University
Statewide Campuses
- 2020 – present Faculty Mentor, Aggie First Scholars Program, Utah State University
- 2020 – present Marketing Committee, National Council on Public History
- 2020 – present History Department Representative for Council on Teaching Education, Utah State
University
- 2021 – 2022 Search Committee for Asst. Prof. of US History, Uintah Basin Campus, Utah State
University
- 2020 – 2021 Awards Committee, History Department, Utah State University
- 2021 Guest speaker, “Women’s History Month,” The Eagle Podcast, Utah State
University Eastern
- 2021 Faculty mentor, Cache & Logan School Districts Student Internship Program, Utah
- 2021 Search Committee for Postdoctoral position, Vernal Campus, Utah State University
- 2015 – 2020 Writing Accountability Group (Co-Founder and Organizer), University of Oregon
- 2016 – 2019 Volunteer National Register of Historic Places Nominations Reviewer, Nevada State
Historic Preservation Office
- 2018 Manuscript Reviewer, *Great Plains Research*
- 2017 – 2018 History Guild President, University of Oregon
- 2017 Volunteer, HistoriCorps
- 2011 Copy-Editor, “National Border, National Park: Organ Pipe Cactus National
Monument” website, Colorado State University, <https://organpipe.wordpress.com/>

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Organization of American Historians
Western History Association
National Council on Public History
American Society for Environmental History
Center for Environmental Futures

LANGUAGES

Spanish (conversational, reading)

German (reading)

ADVISEES

Mason Lytle
Sadie Nellis