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Education

Columbia University. U.S. History Ph.D. October 2001.

University of Oregon. U.S. History M.A. June 1995.

University of Michigan. Honors College. Honors Political Science B.A. May 1988.

Employment

Pennsylvania State University: University Park, PA
Associate Professor of History, 2016 to present.

Bryn Mawr College: Bryn Mawr, PA
Johanna Alderfer Harris and William H. Harris, M.D. Chair in Environmental Studies, 2009 to 2016.
Associate Professor of Growth and Structure of Cities and Environmental Studies, 2009 to 2016.
Director of Environmental Studies, 2010 to 2013.
Assistant Professor of Growth and Structure of Cities and Environmental Studies, 2006 to 2009.

Oberlin College: Oberlin, OH
Assistant Professor of U.S. Environmental History, 2001 to 2006.

University of Oregon: Eugene, OR
Visiting Instructor in U.S. Environmental History. Summer 1998, Summer 1999.

Publications

Dead as Dirt: An Environmental History of the American Corpse. Monograph under contract with Harvard University Press.

"Photographing Slow Disaster: Zoe Strauss's 'Grand Isle Beach.'" *Environmental History* 21:4 (October 2016), 719-729.

Nature Next Door: Cities and Trees in the American Northeast. University of Washington Press Weyerhaeuser Environmental Books Series, edited by William Cronon. Seattle: University of Washington Press, 2012. Paperback edition, 2013.

(Reviewed in *Journal of American History*, *Journal of Urban History*, *Environmental History*, *Orion*, *Human Ecology*, *Journal of Interdisciplinary History*, *Planning*, *New England Quarterly*, *Technology and Culture*, *Choice*, *Publishers Weekly*)

"Dirt in the City: Urban Environmental History in the Mid-Atlantic." *Pennsylvania History: A Journal of Mid-Atlantic Studies* 79:4 (Fall 2012), 428-439.

"A Lively Seminar on Death: Teaching the Environmental History of the Human Corpse." *The Organization of American Historians' Magazine of History* (October 2011), 55-56. Named "Editor's Choice" for the issue.

"Who Cares About Forests? How Forest History Matters." In *A Companion to Environmental History*, Douglas Sackman, ed., 410-424. Blackwell Companion to Environmental History, Wiley-Blackwell, 2010. Chichester, West Sussex; Malden, MA: Wiley-Blackwell, 2010.

"Dead Bodies in Harlem: Environmental History and the Geography of Death." In *The Nature of Cities: Culture, Landscape and Urban Space*, Andrew Isenberg, ed. (Rochester, New York: University of Rochester Press: 2006), 62-76.

"Postcards from the Edges of a Field." *Environmental History* 10:1 (January 2005), 96-97.

"Does Nature Always Matter? Following Dirt Through History." *History and Theory*, 42 (December 2003), 75-81.

"Reflections From Six Feet Under the Field: Dead Bodies in the Classroom." *Environmental History* 8:4 (October 2003), 618-627.

"Troubled Waters in Ecotopia: Environmental Racism in Portland, Oregon." *Radical History Review*. Issue 74: Special Issue on Environmental Politics, Geography and the Left (Spring 1999), 65-95.

--Awarded the ASEH Alice Hamilton Award, 2000.

--Reprinted in *American Environmental History*, Louis S. Warren, ed., 299-318. Blackwell Readers in American Social and Cultural History Series, 2003. Oxford, UK; Malden, MA: Blackwell Publishers Ltd., 2003.

Major Fellowships, Grants, and Awards

American Council of Learned Societies Frederick Burkhardt Fellowship for Recently Tenured Scholars, 2013-2014.

Membership, Institute for Advanced Study, School of Social Science, 2013-14.

National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship. National Humanities Center, 2009-10.

National Science Foundation Scholar Award, 2005-8.

American Council of Learned Societies/Andrew W. Mellon Junior Faculty Fellow, 2004-5.

Charles Warren Fellow. Harvard University's Charles Warren Center for Studies in American History. Seminar topic: The Culture and Politics of the Built Environment, 2004-5.

Alice Hamilton Prize of the American Society for Environmental History. Award for the best environmental history article published outside of the organization's own journal, 2000.

Selected Academic Presentations

"Cities and their Trees: New Forests in Pennsylvania." Keystone State Environmental Histories Series. Lehigh University. April 9, 2015.

"The Nature of Corpses: Dead Bodies in American Environmental History." Professor George Tseo Memorial Humanities Lecture. Pennsylvania State University at Hazleton. March 18, 2015.

"Dead as Dirt: Environmental History and the American Corpse." Public Lecture at the University of Oregon. May 5, 2014.

"Owning the Dead: Environmental History and the American Corpse." Race, Place and Nature in the Americas Conference. Rutgers University Center for Race and Ethnicity. March 8, 2013.

"New York's Nature Next Door: Cities and Forests in the Empire State." Keynote talk, Researching New York Conference. University at Albany, SUNY. November 16, 2012.

"Bodies in the Basement: Paupers' Graves and Property Values in Philadelphia." University of Delaware History Workshop. April 5, 2011.

"Corpses in the Corn Field: Reading an Arkansas Farm's Landscapes of Death." "Death, 'tis a melancholy day": Dying, Mourning and Memory in American South, an interdisciplinary conference at North Carolina State University. April 2, 2011.

"The Disposal of the Dead in 19th-century American Environmental History." The Library Company of Philadelphia Symposium "Revisiting Rural Cemeteries." March 16, 2011.

"Owning Maine: Why Cities Matter for the Northern Forest." Presidential Lecture Series talk at Bryn Mawr College. March 1, 2011.

"Urbs in Horto: Urban Nature in Europe and North America." Roundtable participant. American Society for Environmental History Conference. March 12, 2010.

"Dead as Dirt: An Environmental History of the Dead Body." Social Science Research Seminar at Wake Forest University. March 1, 2010.

"Living Among the Dead: Corpses and Property Rights in U.S. Environmental History." Massachusetts Institute of Technology Seminar on Environmental and Agricultural History. February 19, 2010.

Roundtable on the Environmental History of Philadelphia. Roundtable participant. American Society for Environmental History Conference. March 15, 2008.

"Ashes to Toxic Ash: Toward an Environmental History of the Dead Body." University of Michigan Science, Technology, and Society Program. March 28, 2005.

"Toxic Bodies: The Problem of People as Pollution." Harvard School of Public Health. February 15, 2005.

"Cremating the Modern, Modified Body." American Society for Environmental History Conference. April 3, 2004.

"Dead Bodies in Harlem: Environmental History and the Geography of Death." Shelby Cullom Davis Center for Historical Studies Conference. December 12, 2003.

"Toward A New 'Body' of Environmental History." State-of-the-Field Session on Environmental History. Organization of American Historians Conference. April 4, 2003.

"Leisured Landscapes and Working Woods: Recreating the New Hampshire Forests." Case Western Reserve History Department. November 1, 2002.

"The Return of the Forest: Urbanization and Reforestation in the Northeastern United States." Cincinnati Seminar on the City. October 10, 2002.

"Who Owns the Public Lots? Defining Public Land in Early-20th-Century Maine." American Society for Legal History Conference. November 2001.

"Does Nature Always Matter? Political History and the Environmental Lens." American Society for Environmental History Conference. March 2001.

"The Return of the Forest: Urbanization and Reforestation in the Northeastern United States." Poster presentation. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Science to Achieve Results (STAR) Conference. July 2000.

"Metropolitan Nature: Urban Leisure, Rural Work and the Return of the Forest." American Society for Environmental History Conference. April 1999.

"Bringing Back the Trees: Urban Watershed Protection and Reforestation in the Northeastern United States." American Historical Association Annual Meeting. January 1999.

"Changing Borders, Changing Centers: Toward a Landscape History of Harlem." American Society for Environmental History Conference. March 1997.

"A Slough of Troubles: Environmental Racism at the Columbia Slough." Environmental Cultures/Historical Perspectives Conference. April 1996.

Professional Service

To the Profession

American Society for Environmental History. Executive Committee Member since 2005. Chair, Membership Committee, since 2015.

University of Massachusetts Press. Member of the Editorial Board for the series *The Environmental History of the Northeast*. 2011 to the present.

Organization of American Historians and the United States National Park Service. Member of the scholars' panel for the interpretation of the new Paterson Great Falls National Historical Park.

Referee. Grant proposal referee for the National Endowment for the Humanities, the National Humanities Center, the Wellcome Trust, and the Canon National Parks Science Scholars Program. Manuscript reviewer for Oxford University Press, Houghton Mifflin, Prentice Hall, Routledge, University of Washington Press, Bedford/St. Martins, University of Chicago Press, *American Historical Review*, *Environmental History*, *Pacific Northwest Quarterly*, *Journal of Women's History*, *Pennsylvania History*, *Geoforum*, and *Change Over Time*.

To Bryn Mawr College

Director of Environmental Studies. Director of the Environmental Studies Program from 2010-13. Led the development of the Tri-Co Environmental Studies Minor with Haverford and Swarthmore colleges. Launched the tri-co minor, replacing Bryn Mawr's Environmental Studies Concentration, in the fall of 2011. **Environmental Studies Steering Committee** member 2006-16. **Praxis Steering Committee** member, 2007-13. **Admissions Committee** member 2007-09.

Grant Development. Key Contributor in the development and implementation of a successful \$565,000 institutional proposal to the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, entitled "Strengthening the Humanities and Social Science Components of the Environmental Studies Concentration at Bryn Mawr College." Awarded in 2008.

Mellon Tri-Co Steering Committee. Appointed 2008 for a one-year term; reappointed in 2010 for a three-year term. Reviewed grant proposals from faculty at Swarthmore, Haverford and Bryn Mawr and planned faculty development events.