

# Ellen Stroud

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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.

*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*)**

**"Returning to the Slough: Environmental Justice in Portland Oregon."** In *The Nature of Hope: Grassroots Organizing, Environmental Justice, and Political Change*, Char Miller and Jeff Crane, eds., 79-99. Louisville, Colorado: University Press of Colorado, 2019.

**"Law and the Dead Body: Is a Corpse a Person or a Thing?"** *Annual Review of Law and Social Science* 14 (2018): 115-125.

**"The Nature of Traveling Corpses."** *Modern American History* 1:3 (November 2018): 419-424.

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

**"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, Mass.: 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., 62-76. Rochester, New York: University of Rochester Press, 2006.

**"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

**"Traveling Corpses: The Lives of Two Bodies in Motion."** Invited talk for Afterlives: Rupture, Persistence, Survival, a conference at the Wolf Humanities Center, University of Pennsylvania. February 16, 2018.

**"Repatriating Corpses: Who Gets to be Buried at Home?"** Paper presentation at the European Society for Environmental History Biennial Meeting, Zagreb, Croatia. July 1, 2017.

**"The Nature of a Funeral: Environmental History and Death."** Public lecture at Smith College for the Landscape Studies Program. April 10, 2017.

**"Cities and their Trees: New Forests in Pennsylvania."** Public lecture for the 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."** Paper presentation at the Race, Place and Nature in the Americas Conference at 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 for the Researching New York Conference at The University at Albany, SUNY. November 16, 2012.

**Respondent to "Up and Up! Commercial Fisheries in the North Sea and the Baltic Region, 1000-1600" by Poul Holm, Trinity College Dublin: The George Osborne Sayles Memorial Lecture on Mediaeval History.** University of Aberdeen, Scotland. May 24, 2011.

**"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."** Invited talk for Revisiting Rural Cemeteries, a symposium at The Library Company of Philadelphia. March 16, 2011.

## Selected Professional Service

**Environmental History.** Editorial Board Member, 2017 to present. Search Committee Member for the new editor-in-chief, 2017-18.

**Forest History Society.** Executive Committee Member, 2018 to present. Theodore C. Blegen Article Award Committee, 2018 to present. F.K. Weyerhaeuser Forest History Fellowship Committee, 2018 to present.

**American Society for Environmental History.** Executive Committee Member, 2005-17. Secretary, 2005-2013. Chair, Membership Committee, 2015-17.

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

**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 in the fall of 2011.

**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.