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**EDUCATION**

Ph.D. in History, University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV), 2010

M.A. in History, Colorado State University, 1997

B.A. in History, Western State College, 1995

**EMPLOYMENT**

2014 – Present      Assistant Professor in History and Provost’s Administrative Fellow in Sustainability, Affiliated Faculty in Geography, University of Northern Iowa

2013-2014      Visiting Lecturer in History and Biology, University of Northern Iowa

2011-2013      Visiting Professor, Northern Arizona University

**PUBLICATIONS**

**Book Manuscript in Preparation**

“Contemplating Nature: Tourists and the Making of Yosemite National Park,” book manuscript under contract with the University of Nevada Press. (In Progress).

“Interpreting the Environment,” co-authored with Leisl Carr Childers for the American Society for State and Local History, Rowman & Littlefield. (In Progress).

**Journal Articles in Preparation**

“CashDome: The Sierra Club Bulletin’s Use of Cartoons in Protesting MCA’s Commercialization of Yosemite National Park,” *Journal of Environmental History*. (In Progress).

“Field Notes: BlogWest and Public Scholarship,” with Leisl Carr Childers, Kent Blansett, and Elaine Nelson, *Western History Quarterly*. (In Progress).

“People Come Here to Enjoy the Scenery: The Idea of Appropriate Use in Yosemite National Park,” *George Wright Forum*. (In Progress).

“Sun Valley Reawakening: Condominiums and the Building of a New Ski Industry,” (In Progress).

**Book Chapters in Preparation**

“Rothman’s West: History in the Modern West,” for the American West Center’s 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Essay Collection, University of Utah Press (In Progress).

**Encyclopedia Entries in Preparation**

“Colorado’s Ski Industry,” in *The Colorado Encyclopedia* Edited by Thomas Andrews. Denver: Colorado Humanities. <http://coloradoencyclopedia.colostate.edu/> (Forthcoming).

### **Book Reviews in Preparation**

Review of Margaret Supplee's *American Ski Resort: Architecture, Style, Experience* (Norman: University of Oklahoma Press, 2013) in *Idaho Yesterdays* (Forthcoming).

### **Books in Print**

*Colorado Powder Keg: Ski Resorts and the Environmental Movement*, Lawrence: University Press of Kansas. October 2012. Winner of the International Ski History Association 2013 Ullr Award for single outstanding contribution to the historical record in book form and Western Writers of America Spur Award 2013 Finalist for Best Western Nonfiction Contemporary book.

### **Book Chapters in Print**

"A Gateway into the Mountains: Denver and the Rise of a Recreation Empire," in *Denver Inside and Out (Colorado History, vol. 16)*. Denver: History Colorado, The Colorado Historical Society. 2012. Colorado Book Award Finalist. 95-104.

### **Encyclopedia Entries**

"The National Parks," in *Encyclopedia of Populism in America*, Edited by Alexandra Kindell and Elizabeth Sherburn Demers. Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO, 2014. 447-449.

### **Book Reviews**

Review of Thomas Andrew's *Coyote Valley: Deep History in the High Rockies* (Harvard University Press, 2015) in *Western Historical Quarterly* (Summer 2016).

Review of J. Philip Gruen's *Manifest Destinations: Cities and Tourists in the Nineteenth-Century American West* (University of Oklahoma Press, 2014) in *Montana: The Magazine of Western History* (Spring 2015)

Review of Lincoln Bramwell's *Wilderburbs: Communities on Nature's Edge* (Seattle: University of Washington Press, 2014) in *Journal of American History* (September 2015)

Review of Brian Allen Drake's, *Loving Nature, Fearing the State: Environmentalism and Antigovernment Politics before Reagan* (Seattle: University of Washington Press, 2013) in *Western Historical Quarterly* (Autumn 2014).

Review of Jedediah S. Rogers' *Roads in the Wilderness: Conflict in Canyon Country* (Salt Lake City: University of Utah Press, 2013) in *Environmental History* (October 2014).

Review of Diana L. Di Stefano's *Encounters in Avalanche Country: A History of Survival in the Mountain West, 1820-1920* (Seattle: University of Washington Press, 2013) in *Pacific Northwest Quarterly* (Summer 2014).

Review of Frank Zelko's *Make It a Green Peace!: The Rise of Countercultural Environmentalism* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2013) in *American Historical Review* (June 2014).

Review of William Philpott's *Vacationland: Tourism and Environment in the Colorado High Country* (University of Washington Press, 2013) in *Journal of the West* (Summer 2013).

Review of Melanie Shellenbarger's *High Country Summers: The Early Second Homes of Colorado, 1880-1940* (Tucson: University of Arizona Press, 2012) in *Pacific Historical Review*, February 2014.

- Review of Jen A. Huntley's *The Making of Yosemite: James Mason Hutchings and the Origins of American's Most Popular National Park* (Lawrence: University Press of Kansas, 2011) in *Environmental History*, March, 2013.
- Review of Mark Hudson's *Fire Management in the American West: Forest Politics and the Rise of Megafires* (Boulder: University Press of Colorado, 2011) in *Contemporary Sociology*, May 2013.
- Review of Duane Smith's *Rocky Mountain Heartland: Montana, and Wyoming in the 20th Century* (Tucson: University of Arizona Press, 2009) in the *East Texas Historical Journal*, Winter 2010.
- Review of Michael J. Yochim's *Yellowstone and the Snowmobile: Locking Horns over National Park Use* (Lawrence: University Press of Kansas, 2009), in *Western Historical Quarterly*, Fall 2010.
- Review of David Beesley's *Crow's Range: An Environmental History of the Sierra Nevada* (Reno: University of Nevada Press, 2004) in the *Journal of San Diego History*, Winter 2007.
- Review of Carol Higham and Robert Thacker's *One West, Two Myths: A Comparative Reader* in the *American Review of Canadian Studies* (Calgary: University of Calgary Press, 2004) in *The American Review of Canadian Studies*, Winter 2005.

#### **AWARDS AND HONORS**

- 2015      Huntington Library E. Peter Mauk, Jr./Doyce B. Nunis Jr. Fellowship  
University of Northern Iowa Summer Research Grant from the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences
- 2013      International Ski History Association Ullr Award for single outstanding contribution to the historical record in book form for *Colorado Powder Keg: Ski Resorts and the Environmental Movement*  
Western Writers of America Spur Award 2013 Finalist for Best Western Nonfiction Contemporary book for *Colorado Powder Keg: Ski Resorts and the Environmental Movement*
- 2012      Colorado Book Award Finalist for *Denver Inside Out* (contributing author)
- 2011      Outstanding Educator Award, Northern Arizona University Athletics  
Outstanding Teaching by Part Time Faculty Award, University of Nevada, Las Vegas
- 2008      Charles Redd Center Summer Graduate Student Award (Brigham Young University)

#### **FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS**

- 2016      University of Northern Iowa Provost's Fellow in Sustainability  
Faculty Fellow, American Association of State Colleges and Universities  
Stewardship of Public Lands Yellowstone National Park Seminar

Disciple, Ecosphere Studies Conference, The Land Institute, Salina, Kansas  
Consultant Roy J. Carver Grant for Restoration of Mastodon Tusk, UNI Library  
Geographic Alliance of Iowa/National Geographic Grant Curriculum Grant, UNI  
Geography and History Departments

2010 Grey Towers Scholar-in-Residence Fellowship, U.S. Forest Service

### **INVITED TALKS**

- 2013 “Teachers and Authors Book Luncheon,” Western History Association, Tucson, Arizona  
“An Evening and Book Signing with Michael Childers,” Fraser Valley Library, Fraser, Colorado  
“Learning about Sustainability from Las Vegas,” Las Vegas Springs Preserve, Northern Arizona History Academy Teaching American History Grant, Las Vegas, Nevada
- 2012 “Colorado Powder Keg: Ski Resorts and the Environmental Movement,” at the Boulder Book Store, Boulder, Colorado  
“The History of Skiing in Colorado,” at Cozens Ranch Museum, Fraser, Colorado  
“Exploring the Tension between Ski Industry and Environmentalists,” Colorado Matters, Colorado Public Radio, Denver, Colorado

### **CAMPUS AND DEPARTMENTAL TALKS**

- 2016 “Appropriate Use in Yosemite National Park” University of Northern Iowa Department of Geography Seminar
- 2015 “Consuming Experience: Recreational Tourism and the Environment,” Provost's Initiative for Environmental Equity and Resilience (PIEER) Symposium, University of Northern Iowa  
“Rich Man's Games, Poor Man's Taxes: Growth and Colorado's Rejection of the 1976 Winter Olympic Games,” Phi Alpha Theta, University of Northern Iowa

### **CONFERENCE ACTIVITY/PARTICIPATION**

#### **Papers Presented**

- “To Conform to the Fundamental Purpose: The National Parks and the American West, A Lightning Panel,” Western History Association, October 20-23, St. Paul, Minnesota
- “Appropriate Visitor Use in Yosemite National Park,” Association of Pacific Coast Geographers Annual Meeting, October 5-8, Portland, Oregon
- “Celebrating the Nation's Backyard: The Geographic Alliance of Iowa and the National Park Service Centennial,” Missouri Valley History Conference, March 3-5, Omaha, Nebraska
- “Linking the West,” Western Lands, Western Voices: The American West Center at Fifty, September 19-21, Salt Lake City, Utah

- “Protect Our Mountain Home: NIMBYism and Fight the against the Denver Winter Olympic Games,” Western History Association Annual Conference, October 4-7, 2012, Denver, Colorado
- “Free Market Slopes: Ski Lift Tickets and Deregulation in the White River National Forest,” American Society of Environmental History Annual Conference, March 10-14, 2010, Portland, Oregon
- “Fire on the Mountain: The Vail Arsons and the Environmental Cost of Tourism,” American History Association Annual Conference, January 7-10, 2010, San Diego, California
- “The Environment, Nature, and the Politics of Tourism in the Twentieth-Century American West,” Pacific Coast Branch of the American Historical Association Annual Conference, August 6-8, 2009, Albuquerque, New Mexico
- “A Gateway into the Mountains: Denver and the Rise of a Recreation Empire,” Denver: Inside and Out Symposium, February 27-28, 2009, Denver, Colorado
- “Rich Man’s Games, Poor Man’s Taxes: Growth and Colorado’s Rejection of the 1976 Winter Olympic Games,” Western History Association Annual Conference, October 3-6, 2007, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
- “Radical Reels: Film, Adventure, Identity, and Lifestyle on the Edge,” American Society of Environmental History Annual Conference, September 7-9, 2007, Baton Rouge, Louisiana
- “Denver’s Ski Area: Winter Park Ski Resort, the City and County of Denver, and Building an Urban Ski Resort,” American Society of Environmental History Annual Conference, March 29-April 1, 2006, St. Paul, Minnesota
- “The Reinvention of Skiing: Freestyle Skiing and the Mary Jane Expansion of Winter Park Ski Area,” Pacific Coast Branch American Historical Association Annual Conference, August 4-7, 2005, Corvallis, Oregon
- “Denver’s Ski Area: Winter Park Ski Resort, the City and County of Denver, and Building of an Urban Ski Resort,” Shaping the American West: A New Western Ethic for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, International Interdisciplinary Conference, June 9-12, 2005, Snowbird, Utah

### **Chair/Comment**

Chair, “Memory, Loss, and Preservation Panel,” Urban History Association Biennial Conference, October 20-23, 2010, Las Vegas, Nevada

### **Roundtables**

- “The National Park Service, Environmental History, and the Challenge of Relevance in a Changing World Roundtable,” American Association of Environmental History Annual Conference, March 30 - April 3, Seattle, Washington
- “Teaching ‘America’s Best Idea:’ Lessons from a Century (and More) of National Parks Roundtable,” Western History Association Annual Conference, October 15-18, 2014, Newport Beach, California
- “Six-Shooters: A Digital Frontiers Lightning Round Session,” Western History Association Annual Conference, October 15-18, 2014, Newport Beach, California

“Devil’s Bargains?: Roundtable on Tourism and Outdoor Recreation in the U.S. West,” Pacific Coast Branch of the American Historical Association Annual Conference, August 7-9, 2013, Denver, Colorado

### **Working Groups/Workshops**

“Management Skills: Working as the Yosemite National Park Administrative Project Manager,” Learning in the Field: The Convergence of Public History, Academic History in Better Graduate Training Workshop Pacific Coast Branch of the American Historical Association Annual Conference, August 7-9, 2008, Pasadena, California

### **Posters**

“Teaching the Mississippi River Basin: A Natural and Human History, Provost's Initiative for Environmental Equity and Resilience (PIEER) Symposium, University of Northern Iowa

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

### **University of Northern Iowa**

#### **Undergraduate Courses**

Historical Methods (Spring 2016)

History of Outdoor Recreation (Fall 2014, 2015, 2016)

The Mississippi River Basin: A Natural and Human History (Fall 2014)

Sports History (Spring 2015)

United States History: Colonial America to 1865 (Spring 2014)

United States History: 1865 to Present (Spring 2014, 2016)

Analysis of Contemporary Social Issues/Climate Change and You (Fall 2013, Spring of 2015)

Environment, Technology, and Society: A History of Sustainability (Fall 2013, 2014 & Spring 2014)

#### **Graduate Courses**

Individual Readings: Museums and Memory (Fall 2016)

Global Environmental History Reading Seminar (Spring 2016)

Individual Readings: Environmental History (Spring 2016)

Individual Readings: History of Tourism (Spring 2015)

Practicum: Teaching Environmental History (Fall 2015)

Practicum: Teaching American Survey History (Spring 2016)

#### **Graduate Committees Chaired**

John Frethem, “Land of the Silver Birch: Place-making and Environmental Attitudes in a Northern Minnesota Boy Scout Camp, 1960 -2000,” Graduation May 2017, MA History

Ryan Wurtz, Graduation May 2017, MA History

Alex Pauls, Graduation May 2018, MA History

#### **Graduate Committee Member**

John Williams, “Rock Against Reagan: The Punk Rock Movement, Cultural Hegemony, and Reaganism in the Eighties,” Graduated May 2016, MA History

Katrina Perdue, “Serial Fascination,” Graduated May 2016, MA History

Margaret Nerving, Thesis, "An American's Paris: Tourism and the American Consumer, 1947-1961," Graduated May 2015, MA History

## **Northern Arizona University**

### **Undergraduate Courses**

Historical Methods and Inquiry (Fall 2011, 2012, & Spring 2012, 2013)  
The Colorado River: A Natural and Human History (Spring 2013)  
Independent Study of the Rodeo-Chediski Fire and U.S. Forest Service Policy (Spring 2013)  
United States History: Colonial America to 1865 (Spring 2013)  
United States History: 1865 to Present (Summer 2012)  
Outdoor Recreation and the Environment (Fall 2012)  
Global Environment History Capstone Seminar (Fall 2012)  
Environmental Politics in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century American West Writing Seminar (Spring 2012)  
American Civil War: Union in Crisis (Spring 2012)  
Science and the History of Managing the National Parks Honors Seminar (Fall 2011)  
United States Military History (Fall 2011)

## **University of Nevada, Las Vegas**

### **Undergraduate Courses**

United States History: Colonial America to 1865 (Fall 2008, & Spring 2011)  
United States History: 1865 to Present (Fall 2008, 2009, 2010 & Spring 2009, 2010, 2011)

## **PUBLIC HISTORY EXPERIENCE**

### **Coauthored Works**

"The New Deal, 1933 to 1939," and "World War II and Post-War Boom in Visitation, 1941-1955," in *The Yosemite Way: An Administrative History of Yosemite National Park*, Andrew Kirk, Lincoln Bramwell, and Michael Childers, in fulfillment of National Park Service Task and Great Basin CESU Cooperative Agreements, 2009. 191-264.

### **Field Experience**

2015-2016	Geographic Alliance of Iowa/National Geographic Grant Curriculum
2005-2007	Project Manager, Yosemite National Park Administrative History Project
2004-2005	Senior Researcher/Project Manager, Las Vegas Valley Water District Administrative History
Summer 2004	Olema Valley Dairy Ranches Historic District National Register of Historic Places Application, Point Reyes National Seashore
2003-2004	Interviewer, Nevada Test Site Oral History Project.
2003-2004	Project Manager, National Park Service Fire Management Administrative History
2003	Internship, Colorado Ski and Snowboard Museum and Hall of Fame.

## **SERVICE TO PROFESSION**

### **Journal of Environmental History**

2017 Book Review Editor

### **Forest History Society**

2014 Judge for 2014 Charles A. Weyerhaeuser Book Award

### **Western History Association**

2012 Western History Association Annual Conference Program Committee Member

2009 Graduate Student Staff, Western History Association – 2009 Annual Conference

### **Manuscript Reviews**

2016 *The Public Historian, The Annals of Iowa*, Oregon State University Press

2014 Oregon State University Press

2013 University of Washington Press, University of Oklahoma Press, University of Nevada Press

2010 Organization of American Historians/National Park Service  
*Western Historical Quarterly*

## **SERVICE TO UNIVERSITY**

### **University of Northern Iowa**

2016-2017 Provost's Administrative Fellow in Sustainability  
History Department Student Outcome Committee  
History Department Curriculum Committee  
History Department Scholarship Committee  
Public History Advisory Committee

2015-2016 Provost's Common Read Facilitator, University of Northern Iowa  
Office of Sustainability  
Provost's Sustainability Initiative Committee  
University of Northern Iowa Sustainability Certificate Advisor  
History Department Technology Committee (Chair)  
History Department Curriculum Committee  
Judge, UNI Graduate Student Symposium  
Public History Advisory Committee

2014-2015 Summer Institute for Sustainability Education Fellow  
Judge, UNI Graduate Student Symposium  
History Department Technology Committee (Chair)  
History Department Curriculum Committee

2013-2014 Sustainability Working Group member  
Fellow/Faculty Advisor for UNI's chapter of Sigma Phi Epsilon

### **Northern Arizona University**

2012-2013 Academic Sustainability Steering Committee

2011-2013 History Education Undergraduate Advisor

### **University of Nevada, Las Vegas**

2008 Graduate Student Representative, UNLV History Department



**PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATION MEMBERSHIPS**

American Society of Environmental History

Association of Pacific Coast Geographers

National Council on Public History

Phi Alpha Theta

Western History Association