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**VITA**

- Born in Ramsgate, Kent, United Kingdom, 1959.
- Naturalized as a U.S. citizen, 1963.

**EDUCATION**

- Ph.D., History, University of New Mexico, 1992.

*Dissertation:* "William Henry Holmes: Explorer of the Americas from the Yellowstone to the Yucatan, 1872-1895." Advisor: Richard W. Etulain.

- Arizona Teaching Certificate, University of Arizona, 1985.
- M.A., Northern Arizona University, 1983.
- B.S., Northern Arizona University, 1981.

- High School Diploma, Sunnyside Unified School District (Sunnyside High, Apollo Junior High, Los Ranchitos Elementary), Tucson, Arizona, 1977.

#### **CURRENT POSITION**

- Professor of History, University of Missouri - St. Louis.

#### **CURRENT PROJECT**

- Research for a book on the on North America since A.D. 1519: A History of Social Development and Social Power.

#### **PUBLICATIONS**

- "American Exceptionalism or Atlantic Unity? Frederick Jackson Turner and the Enduring Problem of American Historiography." *New Mexico Historical Review* 89 (Summer 2014): 359-399.

This article was also translated from English into Mandarin by Shaoli Wang for the *Historiography Quarterly* 22 (2014, no. 2): 126-138. *Historiography Quarterly* is published by the Institute of World History, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences.

- "Nothing Impossible: The Guiding Spirit of St. Louis." Special to the *St. Louis Beacon*, November 4, 2013.
- "Raising Hell in Oakland." *Western History Association Newsletter* (Spring 2011), 1-3.
- *Lyndon B. Johnson and Modern America*. Norman: University of Oklahoma Press, 2009.
- "To Think Like a Star: The American West, Modern Cosmology, and Big History." *Montana: The Magazine of Western History*, 59 (Summer 2009): 23-44.
- *Selected Historical Documents to Accompany America's History, Vol. 2: Since 1865*. Seventh Edition. Boston: Bedford/St. Martin's, 2011.
- *Selected Historical Documents to Accompany America's History, Vol. 2: Since 1865*. Sixth Edition. Boston: Bedford/St. Martin's, 2008.
- *Selected Historical Documents to Accompany America's History, Vol. 2: Since 1865*. Fifth Edition. Boston: Bedford/St. Martin's, 2004.
- "Ode on an Anasazi Jar: William Henry Holmes and the Archaeology of the American Southwest." *New Mexico Historical Review*, 76 (July 2001): 231-254.
- *William Henry Holmes and the Rediscovery of the American West*. Albuquerque: University of New Mexico Press, 2000.

- "William Henry Holmes, 1846-1933," *American National Biography Online*, New York: Oxford University Press, 2000.
- Editor, *The Cold War American West, 1945 to 1989*. Albuquerque: University of New Mexico Press, 1998.
- "Mining the Atom: The Cold War Comes to the Colorado Plateau, 1948-1958." *New Mexico Historical Review*, 69 (October 1994): 345-356.
- "Senator Holm O. Bursum and the Mexican Ring, 1921-1924." *New Mexico Historical Review*, 66 (October 1991): 433-453.

#### **PRESENTATIONS, ADDRESSES, LECTURES, WORKSHOPS, INTERVIEWS**

- Presenter, "Online Discussions: Going beyond the basics," February 7, 2019, Spring Forum: Fine Tuning Your Teaching Practice, Center for Teaching and Learning, UM—St. Louis campus.
- Historical Commentary, "Stanislav Petrov: The Man Who Stopped World War III," by Kevin Killeen for KMOX News Radio: *The Voice of St. Louis*, September 25, 2017.
- Invited Lecturer, "Teaching a New History: The History of North America," March 2, 2017, Social Studies Colloquium, Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, Jefferson City, Missouri.
- Organizer/presenter: "Teaching a New History: The History of North America," November 15, 2016, Professional Development Workshop for UMSL's Advance Credit Program for High School Teachers, UM—St. Louis campus.
- Organizer/presenter: "The Good of War: A Military History of World Civilization," April 2, 2015, Professional Development Workshop for UMSL's Advance Credit Program for High School Teachers, UM—St. Louis campus.
- Chair: "Popular Culture in Twentieth-Century America," March 13, 2015, 57<sup>th</sup> Annual Missouri Conference on History, Chesterfield, Missouri.
- Presenter: "Big History," April 24, 2014, Social Studies Cohort Committee, Normandy School District Campus Support Center, St. Louis, Missouri.
- Keynote Lecture: "St. Louis: Gateway to Infinity," October 19, 2013, for Field Notes: A Celebration of Science and Art in Grand Center, a public program of the Pulitzer Foundation for the Arts, the St. Louis Beacon, and St. Louis Public Radio.
- Presenter: "Popular Science in Western Culture: From the "Kosmos" of Alexander von Humboldt to the "Cosmos" of Carl Sagan," April 8, 2013, for "On Science," a lecture series by The Academy of Science of St. Louis & Oasis.

- Chair & Commentator: “America in the Early Cold War,” March 22, 2013, 55<sup>th</sup> Annual Missouri Conference on History, Cape Girardeau, Missouri.
- Presenter: “Big History and Big Teaching: Desegregating Content in the College Curriculum,” 2012 Meeting, International Big History Association, Grand Rapids, Michigan.
- Chair: “Big History and Education,” 2012 Meeting, International Big History Association, Grand Rapids, Michigan.
- Lecturer: “Strategies for Integrating the Curriculum,” April 29, 2011, Faculty Symposium, “Retooling the General Education Curriculum for the Twenty-First Century,” Harris-Stowe State University, St. Louis, Missouri.
- Keynote Speaker: “The Big History Experiment,” March 2, 2011, Banquet for the Distinguished Achievement Awards for Excellence in Science, College of Arts and Sciences, UM–St. Louis .
- Lecturer: “100 Years of Writing Western History,” February 26, 2011, Teaching American History Academy, Northern Arizona University, Flagstaff, Arizona.
- Presenter: “The Changing Cosmos: From Alexander von Humboldt to Edwin P. Hubble,” 2010 Meeting, Western History Association, Incline Village (on Lake Tahoe), Nevada.
- Presenter: “Big History and the General Curriculum,” August 2, 2010, Chancellor’s Cabinet, UM–St. Louis .
- Presenter: “Big History and the General Curriculum,” May 6, 2010, College of Arts and Sciences, UM–St. Louis .
- Interviewee: Don Marsh, KWMU’s “St. Louis on the Air,” December 15, 2009, St. Louis, Missouri. Topic: *Lyndon B. Johnson and Modern America* (2009).
- Presenter: “Edwin P. Hubble, the Modern Universe, and the Third Age of Discovery,” November 13, 2009, Physics and Astronomy Colloquium, UM–St. Louis.
- Interviewee: Bill Peterson, KWIX’s morning comment program, October 15, 2009, Moberly, Missouri. Topic: *Lyndon B. Johnson and Modern America* (2009).
- Interviewee: Kirk Johnson, Denver Bureau Chief, *The New York Times*, January 26, 2009. Topic: the historical effectiveness and ineffectiveness of government stimulus on regional development.
- Lecturer: “Years of Decision: The Romantic Age of American Expansion, 1800 to 1860,” as part of the Teaching American History Summer Institute, “The Impact of America’s Wars on Democracy, Social Reform, and America’s Identity,” June 16, 2008, St. Clair County Regional Office of Education, Belleville, Illinois.

- Lecturer: "Europe in North America During the Great Age of Discovery," in connection with the Exhibit: *Jamestown, Quebec, Santa Fe: Three North American Beginnings*, March 16, 2008, Missouri Historical Society, St. Louis, Missouri.
- Interviewee: "The Gateway Arch: A Reflection of America," a Civil Pictures production, 2007.
- Organizer, "The Dust Bowl Revisited," a lecture given by the visiting scholar, Donald Worster (this event was sponsored by the History Department, UM – St. Louis, by the Cooperating School Districts of Greater St. Louis, by the Missouri Historical Society, by the St. Louis Regional Professional Development Center, and by the St. Louis Mercantile Library), April 12, 2005.
- Featured Presenter, Professional Development Workshop, "Perspectives on the Depression Era and Roosevelt's New Deal" (sponsored by the Cooperating School Districts of Greater St. Louis, the Missouri Historical Society, and UM–St. Louis), April 13, 2005.
- Lecturer, "Lyndon B. Johnson and the Transformation of Cowboys into Cold Warriors," Center for the Humanities, UM–St. Louis, 2004.
- Presenter: "Lyndon B. Johnson's Vision of a Cold War West," 2004 Meeting, Organization of American Historians, Boston, Massachusetts.
- Discussant: "Path to War," a HBO Film Showing and Panel Discussion," 2004, an event sponsored by The Center for the Humanities, UM–St. Louis.
- Interviewee: "Atomic Tales: Living with the Bomb in the American West," a program produced by *Radio High Country News*, November 15, 2003.
- Lecturer: "Historians of the American West: Old Trails and New Prospects" and "The Contemporary West: Issues and Politics," as part of the "Changing the Shape of the Nation," Teaching American History Summer Institute," 2003, directed, in part, by UM–St. Louis.
- Presenter: "William H. Holmes and the Culture of Rediscovery," February 24, 2003, Monday Noonday Series, The Center of the Humanities, UM–St. Louis.
- Moderator: "Cultural Studies and Public Health, "Second Annual Vietnam Fulbright Conference, 2001, Hanoi, Vietnam.
- Presenter: "LBJ: Nukes in the Desert and Fire in the Jungle," 2000 Meeting, Western History Association, San Antonio, Texas.
- Presenter: "On Uranium, the Cold War, and Frontier Narrative." 1998 Meeting, Western History Association, Sacramento, California.

- Chair: "The Cold War West: Writing a New Western History," 1997 Meeting, Western History Association, St. Paul, Minnesota.
- Chair and Commentator: "Race, Gender, and Culture in the Cold War West," 1995 Meeting, Western History Association, Denver, Colorado.
- Presenter: "Mining the Atom: The Cold War Comes to the Colorado Plateau," 1994 Meeting, Western History Association, Albuquerque, New Mexico.
- Presenter: "Senator Holm O. Bursum and His Relations with Mexico, 1921-1924," 1988 Meeting, Southern Historical Association, Norfolk, Virginia.

#### **PROMOTIONS, HONORS, FELLOWSHIPS, SCHOLARSHIPS**

- Nominee, *Last Lecture*, an honor for outstanding classroom presentation and willingness to assist students, Office of Student Life, UM–St. Louis, 2015.
- Full Professor, History Department, UM - St. Louis, promoted in 2011.
- Associate Professor, History Department, UM–St. Louis, promoted and tenured in 2005.
- Recipient, UM–St. Louis Research Award, \$9,383, 2003.
- Recipient, Moody Research Grant, \$1,609, Lyndon B. Johnson Foundation, LBJ Library and Museum, Austin, Texas, 2002.
- Recipient, Fulbright Scholarship, United States Department of State Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, Host: Vietnam National University, Hanoi, \$64,000 grant, 2001-2002.
- Honoree, *William Henry Holmes and the Rediscovery of the American West*, named "Honor Book" in the Caroline Bancroft History Book competition, Denver Public Library, 2001.
- Finalist, *William Henry Holmes and the Rediscovery of the American West*, Evans Biography Award, Mountain West Center for Regional Studies, Utah State University, 2000.
- Recipient, Dorothy Woodward Memorial Fellowship, History Department, University of New Mexico, 1990.
- Recipient, Graduate Assistantships, University of New Mexico, 1987-1989.
- Recipient, Scholarship from the Latin American Institute, University of New Mexico, to attend the *Centro de Enseñanza para Extranjeros, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México*, Mexico City, Summer 1987.

## BOOK REVIEWS, FILM REVIEWS, QUOTES, ENDORSEMENTS

- *The Routledge Companion to Big History* (Oxford, U.K.: Routledge), forthcoming.
- *The Promise of the Grand Canyon: John Wesley Powell's Perilous Journey and His Vision for the American West* by John F. Ross in *Journal of American History*, forthcoming.
- *Bombs Away: Militarization, Conservation, and Ecological Restoration* by David G. Havlick in *Environmental History*, January 2019.
- *Still the Right Place: Utah's Second Half-Century of Statehood, 1945-1995* by James B. Allen in *Western Historical Quarterly*, Summer 2018.
- *Stewart L. Udall: Steward of the Land* by Thomas G. Smith in *Southwestern Historical Quarterly*, April 2018.
- *Earning the Rockies: How Geography Shapes America's Role in the World* by Robert D. Kaplan in *Montana: the Magazine of Western History*, 2017.
- *Hippies, Indians, & the Fight for Red Power* by Sherry L. Smith in *Montana: the Magazine of Western History*, 2015.
- *The Missile Next Door: The Minuteman in the American Heartland* by Gretchen Heefner in the *Journal of Cold War Studies*, Fall 2015.
- *Chronicling the West for Harper's: Coast to Coast with Frenzeny & Tavernier in 1873-1874* by Claudine Chalmers in the *New Mexico Historical Review*, Winter 2015.
- *Indians, Alcohol, and the Roads to Taos and Santa Fe* by William Unrau in the *Missouri Historical Review*, October 2014.
- *The Essential West: Collected Essays* by Elliot West in the *Pacific Historical Review*, August 2014.
- *Fighting for the Forty-Ninth Star: C.W. Snedden and the Crusade for Alaska Statehood* by Terrence Cole in the *Pacific Historical Review*, August 2012.
- Quoted in "Eons of Natural History on Display at New Utah Museum," by Leah Messinger, for MSNBC's *Itineraries*, October 27, 2011.
- *True Grit*, directed by the Coen Brothers, in "Aces on the Race: Ten Hollywood Outsiders Weigh in Best Picture Nomination," in *Variety*, February 8, 2011.
- *Rider of the Pale Horse: A Memoir of Los Alamos and Beyond* by McAllister Hull, with Amy Bianco, in the *Journal of Arizona History*, 2010.

- *William Dunbar: Scientific Pioneer of the Old Southwest* by Arthur H. DeRosier, Jr. in the *Journal of American History*, September 2008.
- *Manifest and Other Destinies: Territorial Fictions of the Nineteenth-Century United States* by Stephanie LeMenager in the *New Mexico Historical Review*, Spring 2006.
- *Ernest Gruening: Alaska's Greatest Governor* by Claus-M. Naske in the *Pacific Historical Review*, November 2005.
- *Veering Right: How the Bush Administration Subverts the Law for Conservative Causes* by Charles Tiefer in *Southwestern American Literature*, Fall 2005.
- *John Charles Frémont and the Course of American Empire* by Tom Chaffin in the *Journal of the West*, Summer 2004.
- *Amchitka and the Bomb: Nuclear Testing in Alaska* by Dean W. Kohlhoff in the *Pacific Historical Review*, February 2004.
- *Science in the American Southwest: A Topical History* by George E. Webb in the *Pacific Historical Review*, 2003.
- *LBJ's Texas White House: "Our Heart's Home"* by Hal K. Rothman in *Texas Books in Review*, Summer 2003.
- *Dangerous Crossings: The First Modern Polar Expedition, 1925* by John H. Bryant and Harold N. Cones in the *Journal of the West*, Winter 2003.
- *Common and Contested Ground: A Human and Environmental History of the Northwestern Plains* by Theodore Binnema in H-NET Reviews, November 2002.
- William B. Smart and Donna T. Smart, editors, *Over the Rim: The Parley P. Pratt Exploring Expedition to Southern Utah, 1849-50* in the *New Mexico Historical Review*, Spring 2002.
- *Lewis and Clark: A Photographic Journey* by Bill and Jan Moeller in the *Journal of the West*, Fall 2001.
- Stephen Tchudi, editor, *Science, Values, and the American West* in *Montana: The Magazine of Western History*, Summer 2000.
- Forrest G. Robinson, editor, *The New Western History: The Territory Ahead* in the *Journal of Arizona History*, Spring 2000.
- *Men with Sand: Great Explorers of the North American West* by John Moring in the *Journal of the West*, October 1999.



- *A Conspiracy of Optimism: Management of the National Forests Since World War Two* by Paul W. Hirt in the *Journal of the West*, January 1997.
- *The Northern Pacific Railroad and the Selling of the West* by Sig Mickelson in the *Journal of the West*, April 1996.
- *Thomas Moran and the Surveying of the American West* by Joni Louise Kinsey in the *New Mexico Historical Review*, July 1994.

#### **COURSES TAUGHT AT UM–ST. LOUIS**

##### Undergraduate

- Big History: From the Big Bang to the Present.
- American Civilization since the Civil War.
- U.S. Foreign Relations and Military History, 1607 to the Present.
- History of Mexico.
- History of Canada.
- World History for the Secondary Classroom.

##### Graduate

- History of Western Expansion.
- History of North America since A.D. 1519.
- History of U.S. Exploration.
- American Environmental History.
- History of Mexico.
- History of Canada.
- The Historian's Craft.

#### **SERVICE**

The University of Missouri – St. Louis (2002-Present)

- Chair, *Ad Personam* Committee for Full Professor, 2019.
- Member, *Ad Personam* Committee for Full Professor, 2019.
- Expert/Consultant, Secondary Social Studies Curriculum Framework Overview, Parkway School District, St. Louis, Missouri, 2019.
- Judge, Listerman Award Committee, History Department, UM–St. Louis, 2018.
- Humanities Representative, Fall Research Board (Faculty Senate Committee), 2018 – ongoing.
- Elected Member, University Faculty Committee on Tenure, UM–St. Louis, 2017 - ongoing.

- External Factual Reviewer, Smithsonian Institution | Smithsonian Enterprises, 2017.
- Member, Editorial Board, University of Missouri Press, 2009-2014; 2016-ongoing.
- Library Liaison of the History Department, UM–St. Louis , 2016-ongoing.
- Elected Member, Faculty Senate Ad Hoc Committee on Shared Governance, Academic Freedom, and Working Conditions, UM–St. Louis, 2017.
- Chair and Member, Curriculum Development Grant Program Committee, College of Arts and Sciences, UM–St. Louis, 2011, 2014-2017.
- Member, Executive Committee, History Department, UM–St. Louis, 2003-2004, 2011-2017.
- Member, Working Group of Education and the College of Arts and Sciences, UM–St. Louis, 2016.
- External Evaluator of Faculty Promotion, UM-Kansas City, 2016.
- Member, University Libraries Committee, Faculty Senate, UM–St. Louis , 2015-2017.
- Chair, Issues of Tenure Removal Committee, Faculty Senate, UM–St. Louis, 2014-2016.
- Panel Reviewer, World Arts and Culture grant competition, National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH), 2015.
- Co-Chair, St. Louis Resource Committee, Organization of American Historians, 2015.
- Chair, Program Committee, Missouri Conference on History, 2015.
- Peer Reviewer, UM–St. Louis Teresa M. Fischer Professorship in Citizen Education, 2015.
- Member, Appointments, Tenure, and Promotion (ATP) Committee, College of Arts and Sciences, UM–St. Louis, 2014-2015.
- Reviewer of book and article manuscripts for Harvard University Press, Routledge, Harlan Davidson, McGraw Hill, University of Oklahoma Press, University of Arizona Press, Smithsonian Enterprises, *Environmental History*, *Pacific Historical Review*, *New Mexico Historical Review*, and the *Western Historical Quarterly*, ongoing.
- Member, Financial Advisory Board, Western History Association, 2012-2014.
- Member, Council, Western History Association, 2006-2014.
- Dissertation examiner, Macquarie University, Sydney, Australia, 2014.

- Advisor on Big History for Social Studies & ELA in the Content Areas, Normandy School District, 2014.
- Editor, *Timelines*, History Department Newsletter, UM–St. Louis , 2004-2013.
- Member, Scholarship and Awards Committee, History Department, UM–St. Louis, 2013.
- Member, Unit Committee on Tenure and Promotion, History Department, UM–St. Louis, 2012-ongoing.
- Liaison and Advisor, Western History Association, for the Teaching American History Grant, U.S. Department of Education. Project Director: Linda Sargent Wood, Northern Arizona University in partnership with Flagstaff Unified School District, 2011-2012.
- Member, Curators' Award Subcommittee, Editorial Board, University of Missouri Press, 2011.
- Member, Dean's Advisory Committee on Faculty Tenure and Promotion, College of Education, UM–St. Louis, 2011.
- Member, Shibusawa-Arai Endowed Professorship Search Committee, UM–St. Louis, 2010.
- Chair, Search Committee for the Social Studies Affiliate Professor, UM–St. Louis , 2006.
- Member, Local Arrangements Committee, Western History Association, St. Louis, Missouri, 2006.
- Member, Committee on Committees, College of Arts and Sciences, UM–St. Louis, 2005.
- Lecturer, Mentor, and Consultant for Teaching American History Grants, U.S. Department of Education. Project Director: Dennis Lubeck, Cooperating School Districts of Greater St. Louis, in partnership with UM–St. Louis and the Missouri Historical Society, 2003-2005.
- Member, Teresa M. Fischer Endowed Professor of Citizenship Education Search Committee, UM–St. Louis, 2004.
- Member, Program Committee, Western History Association, 2004.
- Faculty Co-Sponsor, Phi Alpha Theta (History Honor Society), Psi-Psi Chapter, UM–St. Louis, 2003-2004.
- Mentor, Beginning Teacher Assistant Program, College of Education, UM–St. Louis, 2003-2004.

#### U.S. Fulbright Program in Vietnam (2001-2002)

- Fulbright Senior Visiting U.S. Scholar.
- Major: American History.
- Host: Vietnam National University – Hanoi.
- Peer Reviewer for the Fulbright Visiting Scholar Program.
- Contributed the feature article of the *Fulbright Newsletter*, U.S. Embassy, Hanoi, Vietnam, May 2002.

#### Valley City State University (1998-2001)

- Representative to the North Dakota Council of College Faculties.
- Member, Faculty Senate.
- Chair, Faculty Welfare Committee.
- Co-Advisor, VCSU Chapter of Phi Alpha Theta.

#### Phillips University (1995-1998)

- Chair, Faculty Development Committee, 1997-98.
- Divisional Representative, Teacher Education Council, 1996-97.
- Co-Founder, History Club.

#### Teikyo Loretto Heights University (1991-1995)

- Author of the "Academic Staff and Instruction" section of Teikyo Loretto Heights University's "Self-Study" for the Accrediting Council for Independent Colleges and Schools, 1995. TLHU is now Colorado Heights University, part of the Teikyo University Group, 1991-1995.
- Director, Division of Social Science

#### University of New Mexico (1987-1991)

- Graduate Representative, History Faculty Graduate Advising Committee, 1989.
- President, Phi Alpha Theta, UNM Chapter, 1987-1988.

## **PROFESSIONAL/CITIZEN AFFILIATIONS**

- The Society for Military History
- International Big History Association (Founding Member)
- St. Louis Astronomical Society
- Phi Alpha Theta

## **OTHER EXPERIENCE**

- Faculty Liaison, Advance Credit Program, UM–St. Louis, since 2013.
- Executive Director, Western History Association, 2006-2012.
- Participant, "Traversing Borders: An Interdisciplinary Southwestern Studies Faculty Institute." Director: Mark Busby. A National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Institute for College and University Teachers, 2002.
- Fulbright Senior Visiting Scholar, Vietnam National University in Hanoi, 2001-2002.
- Assistant Professor, History and Secondary Education, Valley City State University in North Dakota, 1998-2002.
- Assistant Professor of American History, Phillips University (now defunct), Enid, Oklahoma, 1995-1998.
- Visiting Professor, Teikyo University (Hachioji Campus), Tokyo, Japan, Summer 1994.
- Participant, "The American West: Environment and History." Director: Donald Worster. A National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Seminar for College and University Teachers, 1993.
- Assistant Professor of History, Colorado Heights University (formerly Teikyo Loretto Heights University), 1991-1995.
- Lecturer, U.S. History, University of New Mexico, Spring 1990.
- Graduate Assistant, History Department, University of New Mexico, 1987-1989.
- Public School Teacher, Social Studies Department, Coconino High School, Flagstaff, Arizona, 1986-1987.
- Public School Teacher, Social Studies Department, Tuba City High School, Navajo Indian Reservation, Tuba City, Arizona, 1985-1986.