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Curriculum Vitae

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Employment

- 2006 (August) Assistant Professor of History, University of West Georgia, Carrollton, Georgia. Assistant Director, Center for Public History.
- 2006-2001 Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa, Lecturer and Teaching Assistant.
- 2001-1995 Director of History and Interpretation, Living History Farms, Urbandale, Iowa.
- 1995-1994 Director of Interpretation, Living History Farms, Urbandale, Iowa.
- 1990 Lead Interpreter and Agricultural Specialist, Missouri Town-1855, Jackson County Parks and Recreation, Jackson County, Missouri.
- 1989 Site Supervisor, 1850 Farm, Living History Farms, Urbandale, Iowa.
- 1988 Museum Interpreter, Living History Farms, Urbandale, Iowa.

Education

- 2005 Ph.D. Iowa State University.
Major Fields: United States Society and Culture, 1865-present
American Agriculture and Rural Life
The American Midwest
- 1997 M.A. University of Kansas.
Major Field: United States Minor Field: Great Britain
- 1989 B.A. with Distinction, University of Nebraska-Lincoln.
Majors: History and Philosophy

Research and Teaching Interests

U.S 1865-present	History of Technology
Public History	American Midwest
Agriculture and Rural Life	Environmental History

Book

The Industrial Corn Belt: Agriculture, Technology, and Environment, 1945-1972.
Northern Illinois University Press, *forthcoming 2008.*

Refereed Publications

Forthcoming: “Lard to Lean: Making the Meat-Type Hog in Post-World War II America,” in *Food Chains: From Farm Yard to Shopping Cart*, edited by Roger Horowitz and Warren Belasco. Hagley Perspectives on Business and Culture Series, University of Pennsylvania Press.

Forthcoming: “The Vacant Chair on the Farm: Soldier Husbands, Farm Wives, and the Iowa Home Front, 1861-1865,” in *Annals of Iowa*.

2007 “The People’s University: Iowa State Cooperative Extension and Outreach,” *Tradition and Transformation: A Sesquicentennial History of Iowa State University*, Dorothy Schwieder and Gretchen Van Houten, editors. Ames: Iowa State University Press, 2007.

2005 “War on Weeds: Iowa Farmers and Growth Regulator Herbicides,” *Technology and Culture*, 46 (October 2005): 719-744.

2002 “‘The quickest way possible’: Iowa Farm Families and Tractor-drawn Combines, 1940-1960,” *Agricultural History*, 76 (Fall 2002): 669-688.

Non-Refereed Publications

1998 with Leo E. Landis and David A. Miles, “Daily Lessons and Lasting Memories: Blending Agricultural Education and Living History,” Association for Living History Farm, and Agricultural Museums, *Proceedings*, Volume 21, 1988: 252- 255.

1995 with Tom Morain, “Agricultural Education and Living History,” *The Agricultural Education Magazine*, 67 (April 1995): 17-18.

Book Reviews and Encyclopedia Entries

Forthcoming: Review of Carrie A. Meyer, *Days on the Family Farm: From the Golden Age through the Great Depression*, in *Journal of Illinois History*.

Forthcoming: Review of Paul Salstrom, *From Pioneering to Persevering: Indiana Agriculture to 1880*, in *Ohio Valley History*.

Forthcoming: Review of Dwight W. Hoover, *A Good Day’s Work: An Iowa Farm in the Great Depression*, in *Agricultural History*.

Forthcoming: Review of Wilson J. Warren, *Tied to the Great Packing Machine: The Midwest and Meatpacking*, in *Ohio History*.

Forthcoming: Review of Marilyn Irvin Holt, *Linoleum, Better Babies, and the Modern Farm Woman, 1890-1930*, in *Material Culture*.

- Forthcoming*: Review of Mikko Saikku, *This Delta, This Land: An Environmental History of the Yazoo-Mississippi Floodplain*, for H-Environment.
- Forthcoming*: Review of Sarah T. Phillips, *This Land, This Nation: Conservation, Rural America, and the New Deal*, in *Enterprise and Society*.
- Forthcoming*: *Encyclopedia of American Environmental History*, Poultry Industry entry.
- Forthcoming*: Review of David B. Danbom, *Born in the Country: A History of Rural America, Second Edition*, in *The Historian*.
- Forthcoming*: *Dictionary of Iowa Biography*, Roswell Garst entry.
- 2007 Review of Eric W. Mogren, *Native Soil: A History of the DeKalb County Farm Bureau*, in *Indiana Magazine of History* 103(4) (December 2007): 443-444.
- 2007 Review of Paul Robbins, *Lawn People: How Grasses, Weeds, and Chemicals Make Us Who We Are*, for H-Environment, December, 2007.
- 2007 *Women in the American Civil War: An Encyclopedia*, Northern Rural Women's Work entry.
- 2007 *The American Midwest: An Interpretive Encyclopedia*, Stage Vehicles, Wagons, Good Roads Movement, Lincoln Highway, Interstate Highways, Grain Milling and Processing, and Dairy Markets entries.
- 2006 Review of Virgil W. Dean, *An Opportunity Lost: The Truman Administration and the Farm Policy Debate*, in *Journal of the West*. 45(4) (2006): 83-84.
- 2006 (2005) Review of Jerry Apps, *Every Farm Tells a Story: A Tale of Family Farm Values*, in *Annals of Iowa* 64(3) (2005): 291.
- 2006 Review of Gordon Patterson, *The Mosquito Wars: A History of Mosquito Control in Florida*, in *Agricultural History* 80(3) (2006): 373-375.
- 2006 Review of Pete Daniel, *Toxic Drift: Pesticides and Health in the Post-World War II South*, in *Technology and Culture* 47(2) (2006): 452-454.
- 2006 Review of Dennis S. Nordin and Roy V. Scott, *From Prairie Farmer to Entrepreneur: The Transformation of Midwestern Agriculture*, in *Technology and Culture* 47(1) (2006): 205-206.
- 2006 Review of James A. Vlasich, *Pueblo Indian Agriculture*, in *Journal of the West* 45(1) (Winter 2006).

- 2005 Review of Neil and Jeremy Dahlstrom, *The John Deere Story: A Biography of Plowmakers John and Charles Deere*, in *Enterprise and Society* 6(4) (2005): 751-753.
- 2005 *Encyclopedia of Twentieth Century Technology*, Pesticides entry.
- 2005 *Encyclopedia of the New American Nation*, Dairy Industry and Fairs entries.
- 2003 Review of Carolyn Johnsen, *Raising a Stink: The Struggle over Factory Hog Farms in Nebraska*, in *Annals of Iowa* 62 (Fall 2003): 502-503.
- 2003 Review of Bruce L. Gardner, *American Agriculture in the Twentieth Century: How it Flourished and What it Cost*, in *Enterprise and Society* 4 (June 2003): 390-392.
- 2003 Review of Douglas Harper, *Changing Works: Visions of a Lost Agriculture*, in *New York History* (Winter 2003): 113-115.

Courses Taught

University of West Georgia

History 6685 Research Seminar in State and Local History.

History 4400/5400 Introduction to Public History.

History 6302 Collections Management in Museums.

History 6303 Museum Education and Interpretation.

History 2112 United States since 1865.

Iowa State University

History 352, Social and Cultural History of the American People since 1900.

History 365, History of American Agriculture I.

History 366, History of American Agriculture II.

History 222, Survey of United States History since 1865.

History 221, Survey of United States History to 1877.

Teaching Assistant, Iowa State University.

History 222, Survey of United States History since 1865

History 221, Survey of United States History to 1877
History 202, Western Civilization since 1500

Simpson College

History 290, History of the American Farmer.

Grants, Honors, and Awards

- 2007 Envirotech Prize, awarded by a Society for the History of Technology Interest Group, for best article on the intersection of environmental history and history of technology. "War on Weeds: Iowa Farmers and Growth Regulator Herbicides," *Technology and Culture*, 46 (October 2005): 719-744.
- 2007 Faculty Research Grant, University of West Georgia. "Profits and Problems: The Hybrid Seed Industry and the Southern Corn Leaf Blight Outbreak of 1970."
- 2005 Research Excellence Award, in recognition of outstanding research accomplishments in a graduate program, Graduate College, Iowa State University.
- 2005 State Historical Society of Iowa Research Grant.
- 2004 Travel Grant, International Committee for the History of Technology, 31st Symposium.
- 2003 Dissertation Research Fellowship, State Historical Society of Iowa, Inc., a private foundation supporting research and writing Iowa history, Iowa City, Iowa.
- 2003 Travel Grant, Society for the History of Technology, Annual Meeting.
- 2002 Teaching Excellence Award, in recognition of outstanding contributions in the teaching of undergraduate students while working toward a degree, Graduate College, Iowa State University.
- 2001 Everett E. Edwards Award, Agricultural History Society, for the best manuscript by a graduate student in agricultural history, "Mechanizing the Harvest: Tractor-drawn Combines on Iowa Farms, 1940-1960."
- 1995 Certificate of Merit, American Association for State and Local History, for the development and installation of the Tangen Implement Warehouse and Home, Living History Farms, team member.
- 1988 Glenn Gray Award for outstanding undergraduate study in history, University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Master's Degree Committee Member

- 2007 Sarah Middlemast, University of West Georgia.
- 2005 Jacqueline M. Venner. "Ornamental Horticulture at Living History Farms in Urbandale, Iowa: A Historical and Planning Document." University of Delaware.

Conference Session Chair, Commentator, and Discussant

- Forthcoming:* Chair and Comment, "Science and Reform: Land Use and Management," Agricultural History Society Annual Conference, June 20, 2008
- 2007 Faculty Discussant, WHEATS 2007 (Workshop for the History of Environment, Agriculture, Technology and Science), University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia, October 13, 2007.
- 2007 Chair, "Reexamining Agricultural Tenancy: Success and Failure in Rural America," Agricultural History Society Annual Conference, Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa, June, 2007.
- 2007 Commentator, "Community and Memory in Historic Site Research and Development: Emerging Methodologies," American Historical Association Conference, Atlanta, Georgia, January, 5, 2007.
- 2006 Chair and commentator, "Imposed Improvement: Contesting the Scientific Spirit," Agricultural History Society Conference, MIT, Cambridge, Massachusetts, June 17, 2006.
- 2005 Chair and commentator, "Military History of the Civil War," Missouri Valley History Conference, Omaha, Nebraska, March 4, 2005.
- 2004 Chair and discussant, "Technology and Markets in Rural Settings," Social Science History Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, Illinois, November 19, 2004.
- 2004 Chair and commentator, "Rural Environmental History," New Directions in Rural History Conference, Iowa State University, April 24, 2004.

Conference Presentations and Public History Talks

- Forthcoming:* "Drugs, Manure, and Pesticides: Regulating Agriculture in the Postwar Midwest," Business History Conference, April, 2008.
- 2007 "From Remodeling to Ranch Houses: Iowa Farm Housing, 1945-1960," Agricultural History Society Annual Conference, Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa, June, 2007.

- 2006 “Lard to Lean: Making the Meat-Type Hog in Post-World War II America,” “Food Chains: Provisioning, Technology, and Science,” Center for the History of Business, Technology and Science,” Hagley Museum and Library, November 4, 2006.
- 2006 “‘The Vacant Chair’: Women’s Roles and Farm Management on Iowa Farms During the Civil War,” Organization of American Historians Midwest Regional Conference, Lincoln, Nebraska, July 7, 2006.
- 2005 “Making the Industrial Corn Belt: Material Culture of Midwestern Agriculture, 1945-1972,” Association for Living History, Farm, and Agricultural Museums 2005 Annual Meeting, Des Moines, Iowa, June 13, 2005.
- 2005 “How’d They Do That?-Living History Farms ‘Get Your Grip on History’ Interpretive Program” panel member, Association for Living History, Farm, and Agricultural Museums 2005 Annual Meeting, Des Moines, Iowa, June 15, 2005.
- 2005 “Farming on the Iowa Prairie, 1840-1860,” invited speaker for Amana Colonies Sesquicentennial Symposium, “Building Community in 19th Century Iowa: The Amana Experience,” Amana, Iowa, April 2, 2005.
- 2004 “Making the Chemical Corn Belt: Pesticide and Fertilizer in the Rural Imagination and Reality, 1945-1970,” International Committee for the History of Technology 31st Symposium, Bochum, Germany, August 19, 2004.
- 2003 “‘I can’t afford not to spray’: Iowa Farmers and Chemical Insecticide, 1945-1970,” Society for the History of Technology Annual Meeting, Atlanta, Georgia, October 17, 2003
- 2003 “Declare War on Flies: Iowa Farmers and Fly Control, 1945-1970,” Northern Great Plains History Conference, Fargo, North Dakota, October 3, 2003.
- 2003 “Using a Museum Site Visit and Programs in Daily Teaching,” panel member, Agricultural History Society Symposium, Las Cruces, New Mexico, May 30, 2003.
- 2003 “War on Weeds: Corn Belt Farmers and Growth Regulator Herbicides, 1945-1970,” Missouri Valley History Conference, Omaha, Nebraska, March 7, 2003.

- 2002 "Threshing Machines and the Men (and Women) Who Loved Them: A Social History of Midwestern Threshing," Midwest Open-Air Museums Coordinating Council Conference, Galena, Illinois, November 9, 2002.
- 2002 "Interpreting Agricultural Change in a Museum Setting," panel member, Rural History Project Symposium, Conner Prairie, Fishers, Indiana, April 27, 2002.

Public History and Community Talks

- 2007 Addressed Casimir Pulaski Chapter of the Sons of American Revolution, Carrollton, Georgia, May, 2007.
- 2000 "Guerilla War in Western Missouri, 1862-1865," Des Moines Civil War Round Table, November 1, 2000.
- 2000 "African-Americans in Missouri's Civil War, 1861-1865," Tuesday Night Talks at the Pony Express Museum, St. Joseph, Missouri, February 8, 2000.

Service to University of West Georgia

- 2008 Faculty Scribe, Department of History.
- 2007-present Georgia House Speaker Tom Murphy Exhibit Committee member.
- 2007-present Awards Committee, Department of History.
- 2006-present Environmental Studies Committee.
- 2007 History Department representative, Fall Preview Day, November 4, 2007.
- 2007 Address to faculty and staff of Irvine Sullivan Ingram Library on the Center for Public History and its role in the Department of History, University, and Community, August 1, 2007.
- 2007 Faculty Scribe, Department of History.

Service to Historical and Educational Organizations

- 2008 Consultant, National Institutes of Environmental Health, Agricultural Health Study.
- 2007 Manuscript Referee, *Technology and Culture*, the international quarterly of the Society for the History of Technology.
- 2007 Consultant, review of interpretive master plan for Historic Brattonsville: A Museum of the Rural South, July, 2007.

- 2007-2006 Local arrangements committee, Agricultural History Society Annual Conference, Ames, Iowa, June, 2007.
- 2006-2004 State National Register Nomination Review Committee member, State Historical Society of Iowa, Department of Cultural Affairs.
- 2005-2004, 2002-2001 Historical Resource Development and Enhancement Program Grant Committee member, State Historical Society of Iowa, Department of Cultural Affairs.
- 2004 Certified Local Government Grant Program Committee member, State Historical Society of Iowa, Department of Cultural Affairs.
- 2004-2003 Consultant and Exhibit Writer, "America's Agricultural Legacy: Families, Farming, and Everyday Life in the Midwest," Henry A. Wallace Center at Living History Farms, Urbandale, Iowa.
- 2003 Graduate College panel member for Northwestern College undergraduate visit to Iowa State University, August 22-23, 2002.
- 2001-2000 Partnership Panel member, Silos and Smokestacks National Heritage Area, Subcommittees on Grants and Affiliate Membership.
- 2001-1996 Benjamin Shambaugh and Throne-Aldrich Awards Committee member, State Historical Society of Iowa awards for outstanding publications in Iowa history.
- 2000 Advisory group member on American Agriculture after 1945, Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village, May 5-6, 2000.
- 2000-1999 Museum Advisory Board member, Burton Cotton Gin and Museum, Burton Texas.

Professional Affiliations

Agricultural History Society
 Association for Living History, Farm, and Agricultural Museums
 Georgia Association of Historians
 Georgia Association of Museums and Galleries
 Society for the History of Technology