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Curriculum Vita—Updated February 2023

EDUCATION

Ph.D., History, Rice University, 2014
MA, American History, James Madison University, 2009
BA, History, Grove City College, 2007

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Associate Professor of History, Texas A&M University-Commerce, 2020-present
Assistant Professor of History, Texas A&M University-Commerce, 2015-2020
Lecturer, Middle Tennessee State University, 2014-2015

REFEREED PUBLICATIONS

Monographs

2018 *Bulldozer Revolutions: A Rural History of the Metropolitan South*, University of Georgia Press, Environmental History and the American South Series

Journal Articles/Book Chapters

2022 "Cities and Agriculture in America" in *A Companion to American Agricultural History*, edited by R. Douglas Hurt, 129-143. Wiley Blackwell, 2022.

2019 "Risk, Doubt, and the Biological Control of Southern Waters," *Environmental History* 24, No. 2 (April 2019): 327-50; winner of the Leopold-Hidy prize, American Society for Environmental History and the Jack Temple Kirby prize, Southern Historical Association.

"Suburban Strife and the Perils of Municipal Incorporation in Texas" in *Lone Star Suburbs: Life on the Texas Metropolitan Frontier*, edited by Paul J.P. Sandul and M. Scott Sosebee, 68-94. Norman: University of Oklahoma Press, 2019.

"American Hero, Confederate Idol: Consul-General Fitzhugh Lee and the Limits of Sectional Reconciliation," *Virginia Magazine of History and Biography* 127, No. 1 (2019): 42-68.

2017 "Metropolitan Growth along the Nation's River: Power, Waste and Environmental Politics in a Northern Virginia County, 1943-1971," *Journal of Urban History* 43, No. 5 (September 2017): 703-19.

- 2014 "From Rural South to Metropolitan Sunbelt: Creating a Cowboy Identity in the Shadow of Houston," *Southwestern Historical Quarterly* 118, No. 1 (July 2014): 1-22; winner of the Michael P. Malone Award, Western History Association.
- 2013 "Race and Romantic Agrarianism: The Transnational Roots of Clarence Poe's Crusade for Rural Segregation in North Carolina," *Agricultural History* 87, No. 1 (Winter 2013): 93-114; winner of the Everett E. Edwards Award, Agricultural History Society.

Contributions

- 2022 "A View from the Provinces" in "Forum: Faith at State U," published roundtable edited by Daniel K. Williams. *Fides et Historia* 54, No. 2 (Summer/Fall 2022): 129-31
- "On the Matter of Enchantment" in "Should Agricultural Historians Care about the New Materialism?," published roundtable edited by Frank Uekötter. *Agricultural History* 96, No. 1-2 (May 2022): 262-66.

PROJECTS

Monographs:

- Ongoing *Ruin and Restoration in the Cotton South*
- Ongoing *Paris Green, Agent Blue, and Fields of White: An Environmental History of Arsenic and Agriculture*

ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

Panels Organized

- 2022 "Writing Agricultural History in Place," Agricultural History Society Annual Meeting, Stavanger, Norway
- 2018 "Chemicals in the Land: Harvesting the South's Green Revolution," Southern Historical Association annual meeting
- 2014 "Whitening the Harvest: Race, Agriculture, and Identity in the Twentieth-Century Rural South," Southern Historical Association annual meeting
- 2012 "Contested Visions of Rural Development and the Post-World War II American State," Agricultural History Society annual meeting

Papers Presented

- 2022 "Copper Mines, Cotton Fields, and Northeast Texas," Cotton and Rural Life Conference, Greenville, Texas
- 2020 "Excavation and Concentration as Remediation: The Politics of Arsenic Cleanup in East Texas," Texas State Historical Association annual meeting
- 2019 "Southern Desiccation: Arsenic Contamination from Factory to Cotton Field," Agricultural Historical Society annual meeting

- 2018 "Factories for the Fields: Agrochemicals and Environmental Justice in East Texas," Southern Historical Association annual meeting
- 2017 "Rachel Carson's Unlikely Disciples: Texas Real Estate Developers and the Battle against Hydrilla," Texas State Historical Association annual meeting
- "Rachel Carson's Unlikely Disciples: Texas Real Estate Developers and the Battle against Hydrilla," Southern Forum on Agricultural, Rural, and Environmental History
- 2016 "Beautifying the Land in Spite of its People: Lessons from Modern Rural Reform in the American South," Biennial Conference on Faith and History
- 2015 "Encroaching on Suburban Nature: Rural Politics, Development, and the Floodplains of East Texas," Southern Forum on Agricultural, Rural, and Environmental History
- 2014 "Cotton Fields to Cowboys: Southern Justice and Western Identity in East Texas," Southern Historical Association annual meeting
- "Industrial Development in Washington's Backyard: Up the Potomac without a Paddle," The Virginia Forum; winner of the Virginia Forum Graduate Paper Prize.
- 2013 "From Piney Woods to Pinewood Estates: Suburban Sprawl and the formation of an Exurban South, 1962–1980," Southern Forum on Agricultural, Rural, and Environmental History
- "The Bulldozer in Mosby's Confederacy: Local History, Preservation, and the Fight against Sprawl in Loudoun County, Virginia," The Virginia Forum
- 2012 "From Ranchland to Suburban Retreat: Rural Politics, Metropolitan Expansion, and the Building of Lake Conroe in Montgomery County, Texas 1958–1980," Agricultural History Society annual meeting
- 2010 "The International Roots of a White Rural Utopia: Clarence Poe and the Crusade for Rural Segregation in North Carolina," Agricultural History Society annual meeting

Roundtable Presentations

- 2022 Panelist and Chair, "Writing Agricultural History in Place," Agricultural History Society Annual Meeting, Stavanger, Norway
- 2022 Panelist, "Faith at State U," Biennial Conference on Faith and History, Baylor University
- 2021 Panelist, "Taking the Temperature of Environmental History with the Alice Hamilton and Leopold-Hidy Prize Winners," American Society for Environmental History's Environmental History week, remote due to COVID
- 2015 Panelist, "Why Rural History Matters: An East Texas Rural History Roundtable," East Texas Historical Society annual meeting

Commenting

- 2022 Invited Commenter, Second Biennial Manuscript Workshop: Southern History and the Environment, Journal of Southern History
- 2021 "Routes to Modernity," Agricultural History annual meeting, June 2021, Remote due to COVID
- "Water, Water, Everywhere: Dreams and Destruction in Urban Texas," Texas State Historical Association Annual Meeting, Remote due to COVID-19.
- 2016 "Commodity Flows into and out of the American South," Atlantic Environments and the American South Conference, Rice University, Houston, Texas

Invited Lectures

- 2019 "Copper and Cotton Fields," Audie Murphy/American Cotton Museum Lunch Break Special
- 2018 "Risk, Doubt, and the Biological Control of Sothern Waters," Biological and Environmental Sciences Department Brownbag Seminar, A&M-Commerce
- 2017 "Teaching Southern History through Cotton," Cotton Symposium, Greenville, Texas
- 2016 "What Levitt Leaves Out: Revisiting Postwar Suburban Development," Professional Development Lecture, CHSSA, A&M-Commerce

Interviews

- 2019 Discussion of *Bulldozer Revolutions*, *New Books Network-Environmental Studies*, October 18, 2019, <https://newbooksnetwork.com/andrew-c-baker-bulldozer-revolutions-a-rural-history-of-the-metropolitan-south-u-georgia-press-2018/>

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- 2019 Mary M. Hughes Research Fellowship in Texas History, Texas State Historical Association
- 2018 Faculty Research Award, History Department, Texas A&M University-Commerce
- 2013 Ottis Lock Research Grant, East Texas Historical Society
- John H. Daniels Research Fellow, The National Sporting Library and Museum, Middleburg, Virginia
- 2012 Ewing Research Travel Grant, Rice University
- 2010 Southern Historical Association Summer Editorial Internship

AWARDS AND HONORS

- 2021 H.M. Lafferty Distinguished Faculty Award for Scholarship and Creative Activity, Faculty Senate Award, A&M-Commerce
- Jack Temple Kirby prize, Southern Historical Association. Given every two years for the best article in southern environmental or agricultural history.
- 2020 Leopold-Hidy prize, American Society for Environmental History. Given annually to the best article published in *Environmental History*.

- 2019 Augustine "Chuck" Arize Junior Faculty Award, A&M-Commerce
Honors Teacher of the Year, Honors College, A&M-Commerce
- 2018 Excellence in Teaching Award, National Society of Leadership and Success, A&M-Commerce chapter
- 2015 Michael P. Malone Award, Western History Association. Given biennially, for the best article on state, provincial, or territorial history in North America appearing in a periodical publication.
- 2014 Dissertation awarded the Captain Charles Septimus Longcope Award, Rice University History Department
Virginia Forum Graduate Paper Prize
- 2012 Everett E. Edwards Award, best graduate student paper submitted to *Agricultural History* in 2011.
James Scott Peterson Distinguished Service Award, Rice University History Department
- 2011 Barbara Field Kennedy Prize in American History, Rice University History Department

Oral/Public History Projects:

- 2020 Supervisor, Northeast Texas Oral history Project: Graduate oral history project conducted in cooperation with Special Collections and University Archives, Waters Library, Texas A&M University-Commerce and Hunt County Historical Commission
- 2017-2018 Supervisor, Desegregating East Texas State University Project: Graduate oral history project conducted in cooperation with Special Collections and University Archives, Gee Library, Texas A&M University-Commerce.
- 2015-2018 Supervisor, East Texas War and Memory Project: Undergraduate oral history project conducted in cooperation with Special Collections and University Archives, Gee Library, Texas A&M University-Commerce.

INVITED CONTRIBUTIONS

- 2019 "Bush, Barbara Pierce." *Handbook of Texas Online*. Texas State Historical Association. (<https://tshaonline.org/handbook/online/articles/fbubr>).
- 2019 "Western Loudoun and the Metropolitan Fringe," blog post for *The Metropole*, Urban History Association, February 20, 2019, themetropole.blog/2019/02/20/western-loudoun-and-the-metropolitan-fringe/

BOOK REVIEWS

- 2022 *Boggy Slough: A Forest, a family, and a Foundation for Land Conservation*. By Jonathan K. Gerland in *Southwestern Historical Quarterly* 126 (October 2022): 286-287. <https://muse.jhu.edu/article/865608/pdf>

- 2020 *Motor City Green: A Century of Landscapes and Environmental Activism in Detroit.* By Joseph Stanhope Cialdella in *Environmental History* 25 (October 2020):765-96. <https://doi.org/10.1093/envhis/ema040>
- The Global History of Organic Farming.* By Gregory A. Barton in *Journal of World History* 31 (September 2020): 650-52. <https://muse.jhu.edu/article/763265>
- 2019 *Smarter Growth: Activism and Environmental Policy in Metropolitan Washington.* By John H. Spiers in *Journal of Southern History* 85, No. 3 (August 2019): 753-54. <https://muse.jhu.edu/article/730977>
- 2018 *Power Moves: Transportation, Politics, and Development in Houston.* By Kyle Shelton in *Southwestern Historical Quarterly* 122 (July 2018): 129-130. <https://muse.jhu.edu/article/699038>
- Caesar Kleberg and the King Ranch.* By Duane M. Leach in *Southwestern Historical Quarterly* 121 (January 2018): 351-352. <https://muse.jhu.edu/article/680114>
- 2017 *Shantytown, USA: Forgotten Landscapes of the Working Poor.* By Lisa Goff in *The Register of the Kentucky Historical Society* 115 (Spring 2017): 298-99. <https://muse.jhu.edu/article/650137>
- 2016 *The 4-H Harvest: Sexuality and the State in Rural America.* By Gabriel N. Rosenberg in *Journal of Southern History* 82 (November 2016): 958-959.
- Border Sanctuary: The Conservation Legacy of the Santa Ana Land Grant.* By M. J. Morgan in *Southwestern Historical Quarterly* 120 (July 2016): 124-125.
- Unruly Waters: A Social and Environmental History of the Brazos River.* By Kenna Lang Archer in *Southwestern Historical Quarterly* 119 (April 2016): 433-434.
- 2015 *Backwater Blues: The Mississippi Flood of 1927 in the African American Imagination.* By Richard M. Mizelle, Jr. in *Agricultural History* 89 (Fall 2015): 625-626.
- Beyond Forty Acres and a Mule: African American Landowning Families since Reconstruction.* Edited by Debra A. Reid and Evan P. Bennett in *North Carolina Historical Review* 42 (July 2015): 15-16.
- Cotton: The Fabric that Made the Modern World.* By Giorgio Riello in *South Carolina Historical Magazine* 116 (April 2015): 158-159.
- 2014 *Where the Cherry Tree Grew: The Story of Ferry Farm, George Washington's Boyhood Home.* By Philip Levy in *Journal of Southern History* 81 (February 2015): 167-68.
- 2013 *Dispossession: Discrimination against African American Farmers in the Age of Civil Rights.* By Pete Daniel in *North Carolina Historical Review* 90 (October 2013): 433-35.
- Wild Horse Annie: Velma Johnston and Her Fight to Save the Mustang,* by Alan J. Kania in *Southwestern Historical Quarterly* 117 (October 2013): 225-26.

2012 *Conserving Southern Longleaf: Herbert Stoddard and the Rise of Ecological Land Management*, by Albert G. Way in *Georgia Historical Quarterly* 46 (Winter 2012): 464–467.

Boll Weevil Blues: Cotton, Myth, and Power in the American South, by James C. Giesen in *Georgia Historical Quarterly* 46 (Fall 2012): 349–352

TEACHING

2015-present

Assistant Professor, Texas A&M University-Commerce

Instructor:

UNCO 1301: Finding a Place in Public Space (signature course)(in-person)

HIST 1302: Survey of United States History II (in-person; synchronous)

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HIST 265: Wizards, Prophets, and Pilgrims: American Environmental Thought (Honors, in person)

HIST 265: Forrest Gump's America (Honors, in-person)

HIST 303: Historical Geography (in-person; synchronous)

HIST 347: Twentieth Century United States (in-person, synchronous)

HIST 437: Environmental History (in-person)

HIST 457: Metropolitan America (in-person)

HIST 464: Introduction to Public History (in-person)

HIST 466: Oral History Theory and Methods (in-person and synchronous)

HIST 492: Senior Research Seminar (in-person)

HIST 497: The Sunbelt: A 20th Century American Region (in-person)

HIST 497: East Texas War and Memory Internship (in-person)

HIST 550: Place and Environment in American History (in-person, synchronous)

HIST 550: King Cotton and His Realm (in-person)

HIST 554: Colloquium in U.S. Post 1920 (in-person)

HIST 564: Introduction to Public History (in-person)

HIST 566: Oral History Theory and Methods (in-person and synchronous)

HIST 568: Seminar in History Education (in-person and synchronous)

HIST 591: Historical Research Methods (in-person)

2014-2015

Lecturer, Middle Tennessee State University

Instructor:

HIST 2010: Survey of United States History I (in-person)

HIST 2020: Survey of United States History II (in-person)

HIST 2030: Tennessee History (in-person)

2013-2014

Adjunct Professor of History, James Madison University

Instructor:

HIST 150: Critical Issues in Recent Global History (in-person)

HIST 225: U.S. History (online)

2012

Bruce Dunlevie Teaching Fellow, Rice University

Instructor:

HIST 125: Suburbanizing the Countryside: A United States History (in-person)

Adjunct Professor of History, University of St. Thomas

Instructor:

HIST 2334: United States History, 1877–Present (in-person)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

2022-present Co-organizer (with William Thomas Okie, Kennesaw State University) of Writing in Place, a remote writing workshop for place-based agricultural and environmental history writing

2022-present Editorial Board, *Southwestern Historical Quarterly*

2018-present Editorial Board, *Agricultural History*

2018-2021 Editorial Board, East Texas History App (easttexashistory.org)

2015-2020 H. Bailey Carroll Award Committee, Texas State Historical Association (Chair, 2016-20)

2014-2015 AP U.S. History Exam Reader

2009–2011 Editorial Assistant, *Journal of Southern History*

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

2021-present East Campus Revitalization committee, A&M-Commerce

2019-present Graduate Advisor, History Department, A&M-Commerce
Parking Committee Member, A&M-Commerce

2018-present Chair, Department of History faculty writing workshop, A&M-Commerce
Co-chair, Cotton Symposium (in collaboration with Collin College)

2018-2021 Graduate Council representative, A&M-Commerce (chair curriculum committee, 2019; 2020)

2017-2019 Phi Alpha Theta advisor, A&M-Commerce

2016-present Honors Council representative, A&M-Commerce

2015-2017 East Texas War and Memory project supervisor, A&M-Commerce

2015-present Manager, History Department website, A&M-Commerce

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND CERTIFICATIONS

Pennsylvania State Teaching License, Social Studies, Grades 7–12

DIGITAL HUMANITIES

2014 Contributor, The American Yawp: A Free and Online, Collaboratively Built American History Textbook, <http://www.americanyawp.com>

2012 Introduction to GIS Short Course, Rice University

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Agricultural History Society

American Society for Environmental History

Southern Historical Association

Texas State Historical Association

COMMUNITY SERVICE

2020-present Parks and Recreation Committee, City of Commerce, Texas

2017-present Commerce Public Library Board, Commerce, Texas (member, 2017-18; vice-present, 2019-2020; president, 2021-present)