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Education

Ph.D. in History, Indiana University, 2002
M.A. in History, Villanova University, 1994
B.A. with Honors in English, Truman State University, 1990

Primary Teaching and Research Interests

U.S. Environmental History	Global Environmental History
Twentieth Century U.S. History	Public History
Food History	Service Learning

Professional Experience

Associate Professor, Ithaca College, Department of History/Environmental Studies, 2011-
Assistant Professor, Ithaca College, Department of History, 2001-2011
Instructor, Indiana University, Collins Living and Learning Center, 1998-99
Instructor, Indiana University, Summer Groups Program 1998, 1999
Teaching Assistant, Indiana University, Department of History, 1996-99
Instructor, Southeast Community College, Lincoln, NE, Fall 1995
Instructor, Jefferson Community College, Louisville, KY, Fall 1994

Publications

Edited Books

Citizenship Across the Curriculum (with Rebecca Nowacek and Jeff Bernstein)
(Bloomington, IN: Indiana University Press, 2010).

Refereed Articles and Book Chapters

"The Citizenship Imperative and the Role of Faculty Development," with Rebecca Nowacek and Jeff Bernstein in Judith E. Miller and James E. Groccia, eds., *To Improve the Academy: Resources for Faculty, Instructional, and Organizational Development*, Vol. 30 (San Francisco: Jossey-Bass, 2011): 54-70.

"Local Environmental History and the Journey to Ecological Citizenship," in Michael Smith, Rebecca Nowacek, Jeff Bernstein, eds., *Citizenship Across the Curriculum* (op. cit.), 165-84.

"Ending the Solitude of Citizenship Education," with Rebecca Nowacek and Jeff Bernstein in *Citizenship Across the Curriculum* (op. cit.), 1-12.

“What History’s Good For: Service Learning and Studying the Past,” *Learning and Teaching: The International Journal of Higher Education in the Social Sciences* 2 (Winter 2009): 31-49.

“Silence, Miss Carson!’: Science, Gender, and the Reception of *Silent Spring*,” in Lisa Sederis, ed., *On Nature’s Terms: The Legacy and Challenge of Rachel Carson* (SUNY Press, 2008): 168-89.

“The ‘Ego Ideal’ of the Summer Camper and the Nature of Summer Camp” *Environmental History* 11 (January 2006): 70-101.

“Silence, Miss Carson!’: Science, Gender, and the Reception of *Silent Spring*,” *Feminist Studies*, 27 (Fall 2001): 733-52.

“The Short Life of a Dark Prophecy: The Rise and Fall of the Population Bomb Crisis, 1965-1975,” in Nancy Schultz, ed., *Fear Itself: Enemies Real and Imagined in American Culture* (West Lafayette, IN: Purdue University Press, 1999): 331-54.

“The Value of a Tree: Public Debates of John Muir and Gifford Pinchot,” *The Historian* 60 (Summer 1998): 277-298.

Reviews, Entries, Non-refereed Articles

Review of Sally Gregory Kohlstedt, *Teaching Children Science: Hands-On Nature Study in North America, 1890-1930* in *Environmental History* (forthcoming 2011).

Review of Sharon Wall, *The Nurture of Nature: Childhood, Antimodernism, and Ontario Summer Camps, 1920-55* in *Environmental History* (January 2011).

“Getting There from Here: Changing the Ecological and Social Footprint of Our Professional Conferences,” *Against the Grain* 22 (December 2010/January 2011)

“If Henry Could See Us Now,” *Inside Higher Ed*. November 2, 2010
<http://www.insidehighered.com/views/2010/11/02/smith>

“Collaborative Inquiry and the Big Questions in SoTL” with Jeffrey Bernstein and Rebecca Nowacek, *The International Commons: Newsletter of the International Society for the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning* 5 (October 2010): 10-12.

Review of Neil M. Maher, *Nature’s New Deal: The Civilian Conservation Corps and the Roots of the American Environmental Movement* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2008) in *The Historian* 72 (Spring 2010): 180-1.

“ASEH and Sustainability: Toward an Agenda,” *ASEH News* 21 (Spring 2010).

Review of Leslie Paris, *Children’s Nature: The Rise of the American Summer Camp* (New York: New York University Press, 2008) in *Environmental History* 14 (January 2009): 178-80.

Review of Abigail Van Slyck, *A Manufactured Wilderness: Summer Camps and the*

Shaping of American Youth, 1890-1960 (Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press, 2006) in the *Journal of Interdisciplinary History* 38 (Spring 2008): 633-4.

“Facing Some Inconvenient Truths Ourselves,” *ASEH News* 18 (Winter 2007).

Review of Andrew Jamison, *The Making of Green Knowledge: Environmental Politics and Cultural Transformation* (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2001) in *Environmental History* 8 (April 2003): 335-36.

“Taking Seriously the Environmental in Environmental History: Reflections on Relevance and the 2001 ASEH Conference,” *ASEH News* 12 (Spring 2001).

“John Muir,” in Robert T. Grimm, ed., *Notable American Philanthropists: A Biographical Encyclopedia* (Oryx Press, 2002).

Review of Hugh Prince, *Wetlands of the American Midwest: A Historical Geography* (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1997) in *Society and Natural Resources* 13 (June 2000): 389-91.

In Progress or Under Review

“What We Talk About When We Talk About Citizenship” [essay co-authored with Rebecca Nowacek and Jeffery Bernstein, under review, *Chronicle of Higher Education*]

The Big Green Schoolhouse: A History of Organized Summer Camping in America [Book manuscript in preparation]

“Feeling the Winds of Change: Columbia and the Alternative Press, 1965-1975” [Manuscript for *Missouri Historical Review* in preparation with Seth Smith, State Historical Society of Missouri]

“The Little Green Schoolhouse” [Manuscript for the *Journal of the History of Childhood and Youth* in preparation].

Presentations and Workshops

Organized Panels and Sessions (since 2000)

“Gateways to Civically Engaged Learning: SoTL and Citizenship Education” Professional and Organizational Development Network in Higher Education (POD) Annual Conference, St. Louis, MO November 3-7, 2010

“Learning History in a Digital Age: Some Experiments with "Digital Natives" panel organized for the International Society for the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning, Bloomington, IN, October 2009

“Local Environmental History and the Journey Toward Ecological Citizenship” panel organized for the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education annual conference, Raleigh, NC, November 2008

“Exposed Landscapes: Visual Culture and American Environmental History,” panel organized for the American Society for Environmental History Conference, St. Paul, MN,

March 2006.

“Surveying the Landscape of Learning: Toward a Scholarship of Teaching in Environmental History,” roundtable organized for the American Society for Environmental History Conference, St. Paul, MN, March 2006

“And they say we’ll have some fun when it stops raining: Summer Camp in American History,” session organized for the American Society for Environmental History Conference, Durham, NC, March 2001.

Academic Presentations (since 2000)

“Disciplinary Thinking in Intermediate Spaces: Digital Tools and Inquiries into the Structure of Student Thought,” with Randy Bass (Georgetown University) and David Pace (Indiana University), International Society for the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning, Milwaukee, WI, October 2011

“Transnationality and Environmental History,” Commentary on Teresa Cribelli, “These Industrial Forests: The Search for Agro-Industrial Commodities in Imperial Brazil” New York Latin American History Workshop, April 2010, Ithaca, NY

“Feeling the Winds of Change: Columbia and the Alternative Press, 1965-1975”, with Seth Smith, State Historical Society of Missouri, Missouri Conference on History, April 2010

“Greening American Campuses” Roundtable Chair, American Society for Environmental History Conference, Portland, OR, March 2010

“Laboratories for Life: The Countermodern Impulse Goes to Summer Camp”, American Society for Environmental History Conference, Portland, OR, March 2010

“Wikis and the U.S. History Survey: The Opportunities and Hazards of Creating Historical Narrative in Non-linear Ways” with Ali Erkan (Ithaca College), International Society for the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning, Bloomington, IN, October 2009

“Developing a Sense of Place: Museum-College Partnerships and Local Environmental History,” National Council on Public History Annual Meeting, April 2009.

“Multiple Exposures: Some Thoughts on Photographic Chemicals and History,” American Society for Environmental History Annual Meeting, St. Paul, MN, March 2006

“Engaging the Past, Serving the Present, Building the Future,” International Society for the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning, Vancouver, BC, Oct. 2005

“What History Is Good For: Service Learning and Studying the Past,” International Society for the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning Conference, Bloomington, IN, Oct. 2004

“Remembering Camp: Nature, Childhood, and the History of Summer Camp.” American Society for Environmental History Conference, Durham, NC, March 2001

“Camping as the American Way: The Contested Terrain of Summer Camp during World War II,” American Historical Association annual convention, Chicago, IL, Jan. 2000.

Invited Presentations, Workshops, and Roundtables

The Arrogance of Humanism? Cornell University Roundtable on Environmental Studies (CREST), Feb. 2011.

“The Scholarship of Teaching and Learning: Discovering the Research Opportunities in Your Teaching,” (Annual Faculty Development workshop with Rebecca Nowacek, Marquette University), St. Norbert College, January 2009

“Fit for Public Consumption: Strategies for Sharing Your Studies of Learning” (workshop and one-day consultation with Trish Ferrett, a chemist and Carnegie Scholar at Carleton College), Gustavus Adolphus College, November 2007

Invited Presentations and Workshops—Ithaca College

“Reclaiming My Voice as a Scholar” with Ali Erkan and Susanne Morgan, Center for Faculty Excellence Summer Institute, May 2010

“My Return on My Investment in Assessment: Transforming Assessment into Scholarship” Center for Faculty Excellence, April 2009

“Wikis and Student Engagement,” Ed-Tech Day, with Ali Erkan, Department of Computer Science, March 2009

“What Is the Scholarship of Learning?” Summer Faculty Development Institute (half-day workshop), May 2008

“The Scholarship of Teaching and Learning and Interdisciplinary Research on Aging,” Gerontology Institute “Research on Aging” Workshop, June 2006

“The Scholarship of Teaching and Learning,” Ithaca College Summer Faculty Development Institute, May 2006

Public Lectures and Brown Bags

“The Environmental Crisis, the Sustainability Movement, and History,” Cornell Prison Program, Auburn Correctional Facility, Auburn, NY, June 2010

“Wikis of Concept Maps,” Faculty Colloquium Series, with Ali Erkan, Ithaca College, February 2010

“Learning Portfolios and Course Transformation,” Ithaca College Faculty Colloquium Series, Apr. 2006

“Natural Disasters and Human History,” The History Center in Tompkins County, Oct. 2005

“History and Hurricane Katrina,” Ithaca College Faculty Colloquium Series, Sept. 2005

“Cornucopianism and Sustainability,” Ithaca College Sustainability Café, Feb. 2004

“Past Imperfect: The Challenge of Doing History” Longview Senior Residential Center, Ithaca, NY, Jan. 2004

“Food, Hunger, and History,” Ithaca College Hunger Awareness Banquet, Nov. 2002

“Service Learning: Connecting Campus and Community,” Ithaca College Faculty Colloquium, Feb. 2002

“Summer Camp and American History,” Annual Phi Alpha Theta Lecture and oral history brown bag workshop, Villanova University, Villanova, PA., April 2001.

Honors, Awards, Grants

National Endowment for the Humanities Digital Humanities Start-Up Grant, 2011

Ithaca College Faculty Excellence Award, 2010

Center for Faculty Research and Development Grant, 2010-11

Ithaca College H & S Experiential Learning Grant, Summer 2008

Departmental Special Merit, 2008

Carnegie Scholar, Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, 2005-6

Ithaca College H & S Educational Development Grant, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008

Ithaca College Community Service Development Grant, 2006

Ithaca College Center for Faculty Research and Development Grant, 2005

National Science Foundation “Applying Science to Sustainability Grant”, Summer 2005

The John H. Edwards Fellowship, Indiana University, 2000-1

Spencer Foundation Dissertation Fellowship, Finalist, 1999

The Paul V. McNutt Fellowship, Department of History, Indiana University, 1999

Chambers Travel Fellowship, Social Welfare History and YMCA Archives, 1999

Membership in Professional Societies

American Society for Environmental History

Missouri Historical Society

International Society for the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning

National Council on Public History

Professional Service

Sustainability Committee, American Society for Environmental History, 2009-

Peer Reviewer, *Arts and Humanities in Higher Education*

Peer Reviewer, *Environment and History*

Peer Reviewer, *Environmental History*

Peer Reviewer, *Labor: Studies in the Working Class History of the Americas*

Consultant, Project LookSharp, Environmental Literacy Kits, 2007-8

External Tenure File Reviewer for Department of History, Augustana College, 2006

College Service

Ithaca Seminar Steering Committee, 2011-present
Faculty Adviser, IC Slow Food Group, 2009-present
Project Look Sharp Curriculum Consultant, 2007-8, 2011-12
Co-Chair, Civic Engagement Task Force, IC 20/20, 2010-11
Service-Learning Working Group, H & S, Fall 2010
National Conference on Undergraduate Research, Abstract Reviewer, Fall 2010
First Year Reading Initiative Presenter 2009
First Year Reading Initiative Discussion Leader, 2004-2005, 2009-11
Ithaca Today Academic Sampler, 2006-8 (History); 2009 (ENVS); 2011 (ENVS)
Affiliate, Project Look Sharp, 2008-present
Affiliate, Ithaca College Gerontology Program, 2006-2011
Co-Director, Faculty Development Summer Institute, Ithaca College, 2006
Coordinator, Sustainability Café Series, Ithaca College, 2005-6
Coordinator, H & S Community Service Program, Ithaca College, 2004-present
Service Learning Task Force, Ithaca College, 2003-6
C.P. Snow Lecture and Scholarship Committee, Ithaca College, 2002-3

Departmental Service-History

Outreach Committee, 2010-12
Mayrock Lecture Series Committee, 2009-11
Handbook Revision Ad-Hoc Committee, 2009-2010
East Asian History Search Committee, 2009-10
Curriculum Committee (Chair), 2008-9
Assessment Committee, 2008-9
Faculty Editor & Advisor, Alumni Newsletter, 2005-2008, 2011
Harold Emery Writing Award Committee, 2004-8
Scholarship Committee, 2002-3

Departmental Service-Environmental Studies and Sciences

Environmental Humanities Search (Chair), 2011-12
Curriculum Committee (Chair), Fall 2011
Personnel Committee, Fall 2011
Transitional Steering Committee, 2009-11
Handbook Subcommittee, 2009-10
HSBC Grant Supervisory Committee, 2008-present
Geography Search Committee, 2009-10
Environmental Studies Program Steering Committee, 2003-9
Co-Coordinator, Environmental Studies Program Review, 2007-8
Faculty Editor & Advisor, Newsletter, 2006-8

Community Service

Tompkins County Commission for Commemorating the 150th Anniversary of the Civil War, 2008-
Ithaca Curb Your Car Coalition, Ithaca, NY 2002-6

Advisory Board, Recycle Ithaca's Bicycles, Ithaca, NY, 2001-5
Loaves and Fishes Community Kitchen, Ithaca, NY, 2002
Paul Schreurs Memorial Program, Ithaca Youth Bureau, Ithaca, NY, 2000-01