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EDUCATION

- 2012 **Case Western Reserve University**, Cleveland, Ohio
Ph.D. in History
- 2004 **University of Montana**, Missoula, Montana
M.A. in History
- 2002 **The Ohio State University**, Columbus, Ohio
B.A. in History

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- 2024- **Michigan State University, Lyman Briggs College**, E. Lansing, Michigan
Visiting Assistant Professor
- 2024 **Adrian College**, Adrian, Michigan
Instructor
- 2017-2020 **Michigan State University, Lyman Briggs College**, E. Lansing, Michigan
Instructor
- 2016-2017 **Grand Valley State University**, Allendale, Michigan
Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of History
- 2013-2015 **The Ohio State University-Mansfield**, Mansfield, Ohio
Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of History
- 2012-2013 **Pennsylvania State University, The Behrend College**, Erie, Pennsylvania
Lecturer, School of Humanities & Social Sciences
- 2012 **Walsh University**, North Canton, Ohio
Lecturer, Honors Program
- 2010, 2013 **Cleveland State University**, Cleveland, Ohio
Lecturer, Department of History
- 2009-2011 **Case Western Reserve University**, Cleveland, Ohio
Instructor of Record, Department of History

PUBLICATIONS

- BOOKS** *An Alternative History of Cleveland*. Pittsburgh: Belt Publishing, 2024.
Refining Nature: Standard Oil and the Limits of Efficiency. University of Pittsburgh Press, 2017.
- ARTICLES** "Finding the Source," *Cleveland Magazine* (March 2025): 38-43.
"A Company Town on Common Waters: Standard Oil in the Calumet," *Environmental History* 19 (October 2014): 687-713.

BOOK REVIEWS Molly Ladd-Taylor, *Fixing the Poor: Eugenic Sterilization and Child Welfare in the Twentieth Century* (Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, 2017) for *Histoire sociale/Social History*, volume LI., no. 104 (November 2018).

Daniel Schneider, *Hybrid Nature: Sewage Treatment and the Contradiction of the Industrial Ecosystem* (Cambridge: The MIT Press, 2011) for *Business History Review*, Vol. 87, Issue 03, August 2013, pp. 599-602.

Gerard Koepfel, *Bond of Union: Building the Erie Canal and the American Empire* (Cambridge: Da Capo Press, 2010) for *H-Water* (Jonathan Wlasiuk. "Political Opera," *H-Water*, H-Net Reviews. October 2010.

Alan Weisman, *The World Without Us* (New York: St. Martin's Press, 2007) for *Capitalism, Nature, Socialism: A Journal of Socialist Ecology* (Wlasiuk, Jonathan [2009] "Imagine There's No People," *Capitalism Nature Socialism*, 20: 4 [Dec. 2009], 116-117).

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2022-2024	Technical writer/editor, <i>Leviathan Security Group</i>
2020-2022	Director of Research and Writing, <i>Sitka Salmon Shares</i>
2018-2020	Associate Topical Editor, Environment, <i>Encyclopedia of Cleveland History</i>
2019-2020	Advisory Board, H-Net/H-Water
2019	Manuscript reviewer, <i>Geographical Review</i>
2018	Manuscript reviewer, <i>Life Sciences, Society and Policy</i>
2016-2018	Book review editor, H-Net/H-Water
2014	Internal reviewer, Bedford/St. Martin's Press
2012	Manuscript reviewer, <i>The Northeast Ohio Journal of History</i>
2007-2009	Associate Editor, <i>Encyclopedia of Cleveland History</i>

FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS

2015	Excellence in Teaching Award, The Ohio State University, Mansfield (nominated)
2012	The Frank R. Borchert Jr. Prize for Best Dissertation, Dept. of History, CWRU
2011	School of Graduate Studies, CWRU, Fellowship Course. History 333: "Reading <i>Das Capital</i> ." Instructor: Professor Ken Ledford.
2010	Baker-Nord Center for the Humanities Fellow, CWRU. Semester-long interdisciplinary seminar entitled: "Cultures of Green: Nature and the Environment."
2009	Besse Fellow, <i>Encyclopedia of Cleveland History</i>
2007	Siney Prize for Best Performance at the Qualifying Exams, Dept. of History, CWRU
2007	Carl Ubbelohde Prize for Best Teaching Assistant, Dept. of History, CWRU

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

AMERICAN HISTORY

Early American History (1400-1865)
 Modern American History (1865-Present)
 Historical Internship
 American Civilizations
 History of Ohio
 The Vietnam War
 History of the American West
 History of American Capitalism

WORLD HISTORY

Introduction to World Civilizations
 World History to 1500
 Western Civilization II (1500-Present)
 Introduction to the Middle East

ENVIRONMENTAL HISTORY

Global Environmental History
 American Environmental History
 Science and the Environment (Hybrid-Online and Traditional classes)
 Senior Seminar: Environmental Disasters

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY STUDIES

History, Philosophy, and Sociology of Science
 Senior Seminar: The Science of Capitalism
 Bioethics (Online course)
 History of Science

INVITED TALKS

- 2025 "The Story of The Land: How Literature Confronts the Climate Crisis," *Orion Magazine* and Literary Cleveland, Cleveland. April 16.
- 2025 Discussion of "An Alternative History of Cleveland," Ursaline College, Cleveland. Feb. 3.
- 2024 "An Alternative History of Cleveland," Ursaline College, Cleveland. Nov. 2.
- 2024 "A Brief History of Cleveland," Cleveland VOTES, Cleveland. Sept. 21.
- 2023 "Let's Make this Wasteland Bloom," Rhizome House, Cleveland. March 25.
- 2019 "After the Fire," seminar marking the 50th anniversary of the Cuyahoga River fire sponsored by the Cleveland-Marshall College of Law, Environmental Law Society, and The Ohio Environmental Council. Cleveland State University, Cleveland. April 17.
- 2019 Discussion of *Refining Nature* with Nic Mink's History Seminar. Knox College, Jan. 24.
- 2018 Discussion of *Refining Nature* with Dr. Bart Elmore's Environmental History Research Seminar. The Ohio State University, September 24.
- 2010 "Issues in Environmental History." Montessori High School, Cleveland. Spring.

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

- 2020 Business History Conference Annual Meeting, Charlotte, NC. "Harm Reduction: What the War on Drugs Teaches Us About Living in the Anthropocene." (Cancelled due to COVID-19 pandemic).
- 2018 American Society for Environmental History Annual Meeting, Riverside, CA. "Mistakes on the Lake: The Legacy of Dredge Spoils in Lake Erie."
- 2017 Petroleum History Institute Annual Symposium, Findlay, OH. "Standard Oil and the Great Lakes."
- 2014 American Society for Environmental History Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA. "The Farce of The Commons: Standard Oil and the Great Lakes."
- 2012 American Society for Environmental History Annual Meeting, Madison, WI. "A River Burns Through It: Ideology in the Kerosene Age."
- 2009 American Society for Environmental History Annual Meeting, Tallahassee, FL. "Refining Nature: Standard Oil and the Modern Urban Environment."
- 2008 American Society for Environmental History Annual Meeting, Boise, ID. "River of Fire: Standard Oil and the Ecology of the Cuyahoga River."
- 2007 American Society for Environmental History Annual Meeting, Baton Rouge, LA. "The Great Flood of 1913: Collecting Consequences in an Ohio Bottomland."
- 2006 Western Historical Association Annual Meeting, St. Louis, MO. "The Erosion of Demonic Placenames in the New West."
- 2006 American Society for Environmental History Annual Meeting, St. Paul, MN. "The Roar of Ursus: The Bear's Last Stand in Frontier Ohio."
- 2005 American Society for Environmental History Annual Meeting, Houston, TX. "Staring Into the Abyss: A Brief Primer on Frontier Perception."
- 2004 Great Lakes History Conference, Grand Rapids, MI. "A Crucible of Community: An Environmental History of the Great Miami River."

SELECTED MEDIA APPEARANCES

- 2025 *Writerscast*, podcast audio, Season 17, Episode 2, January 21.
- 2024 Carrie Wise, "'Alternative History of Cleveland' compares how people lived centuries ago to today," Ideastream Public Media, October 15.
- 2023 *Fire: An American Burning*, podcast audio, Episode 3 (Inferno at Whiting), November.
- 2020 Ken Schneck, "Cleveland's Plan to Grow Its Tree Canopy", *Cleveland Magazine*, July 15.
- 2019 Vince Guerrieri, "Smoke on the Water: 50 Years After the Cuyahoga Fire," *Popular Mechanics*, June 20.
- 2016 *The Memory Palace*, podcast audio, Episode 92 (Oil, Water), July 14.

ORGANIZATIONS & SERVICE

2023-	Volunteer, City Fresh, Cleveland, OH
2023-	Narcan distributor, Thrive for Change, Cleveland, OH
2022	Community Steward, Slavic Village Development, Cleveland, OH
2019-2020	Faculty advisor, STEM Society student organization, MSU
2020	Volunteer, Lake Erie Nature & Science Center, Bay Village, OH
2019	Monitoring Crew, Lights Out Cleveland, Cleveland, OH
2019	Best Practices in Online Teaching Evaluation Workshop, MSU
2018-2019	Lyman Briggs College Faculty Mentoring Review Committee, MSU
2018	HPS Committee on Research and Faculty Affairs, Lyman Briggs College, MSU
2013	Co-Created seminar curriculum "The Prison and the University" for CWRU S.A.G.E.S. program and Cuyahoga County Corrections Center (CCCC)
Fall-Winter 2011	Instructor, (CCCC), "American History" (2 courses)
Summer 2011	Co-instructor, (CCCC), "Basic Composition"
2006-2008	Graduate Student Association Representative, CWRU, Dept. of History
2002-2020	American Society for Environmental History