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DEGREES RECEIVED

Ph.D., History, University of California, Davis, 1997
Master of Arts, History, San Francisco State University, 1990
Bachelor of Arts, History, San Francisco State University, 1988

ACADEMIC AND ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS

Professor of History, Texas A&M University, 2008-May 31, 2025
Department Head, History, Texas A&M University, 2011-2019
Melbern G. Glasscock Professor in Undergraduate Teaching Excellence, Texas A&M University, 2008-2011
Associate Department Head, History, Texas A&M University, 2006-2009
Associate Professor of History, Texas A&M University, 2002-2008
Assistant Professor of History, Texas A&M University, 1997-2002
Lecturer, History, San Francisco State University, 1996
Instructor, History, University of California, Davis, 1992-1993

RESEARCH AND TEACHING FIELDS

American History
Agriculture and Rural Life
Baseball in American Culture
Gilded Age and Progressive Era
Labor

RESEARCH AND PUBLICATIONS

Books

Spitter: Baseball's Notorious Gaylord Perry. College Station: Texas A&M University Press, 2023, pp. xi, 457 (Finalist, 2023 Casey Award for the Best Baseball Book of the Year).

The Farmers' Game: Baseball in Rural America. Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, 2013, pp. xi, 232 (Winner, 2014 Society for American Baseball Research SABR Baseball Research Award).

Teaching the Big Class: Advice from a History Colleague. Boston: Bedford/St. Martin's, 2011, pp. iv, 122.

After the Gold Rush: Tarnished Dreams in the Sacramento Valley. Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, 2007, pp. xi, 310 (paperback ed., 2009; 2nd printing 2015).

Cultivating California: Growers, Specialty Crops, and Labor, 1875–1920. Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, 1999, pp. x, 280 (paperback ed., 2002).

Refereed Articles

"From Tobacco Patch to Pitcher's Mound: Gaylord Perry, the Spitter, and Farm Life in Eastern North Carolina." *Journal of Southern History* 77 (November 2011): 865-894.

"Abner Doubleday, Marc Bloch, and the Cultural Significance of Baseball in Rural America." *Agricultural History* 85 (Winter 2011): 1-20.

"A Swamplander's Vengeance: R. S. Carey and the Failure to Reclaim Putah Sink, 1855-1895," in special issue, "Water: Our History and Our Future," *Sacramento History Journal* 6 (2006): 161-176.

"A Tale of Three Land Grants on the Northern California Borderlands." *Agricultural History* 78 (Spring 2004): 140-154.

"After the Gold Rush: Replicating the Rural Midwest in the Sacramento Valley." *Western Historical Quarterly* 34 (Winter 2003): 447-467.

"Putah Creek: Water, Land, Wheat, and Community in the Sacramento Valley in the 1850s." *Agricultural History* 76 (Spring 2002): 326-337.

"State of the Art—Rural History, or Why is there no Rural History of California?" *Agricultural History* 74 (Fall 2000): 759–774.

"Factories in the Field Revisited." *Pacific Historical Review* 66 (May 1997): 149–184.

"‘An Orchardist’s Point of View’: Harvest Labor Relations on a California Almond Ranch, 1892–1921." *Agricultural History* 69 (Fall 1995): 563–591.

Refereed Chapters in Books

"Three Eras of California Agriculture: Wheat, Specialty Crops, Cotton," in *A Companion to American Agricultural History*, ed. R. Douglas Hurt. Malden, MA: Wiley Blackwell, 2021, 102-114.

"The Perils of Agriculture in Sacramento's Untamed Hinterland," in *River City and Valley Life: An Environmental History of the Sacramento Region*, ed. Christopher J. Castaneda and Lee M.A. Simpson. Pittsburgh, PA: University of Pittsburgh Press, 2013, 103-117, 340-343.

"Transformations in Late Nineteenth-Century Rural California," in *A Companion to California History*, ed. William Deverell and David Igler. Malden, MA: Wiley Blackwell, 2008, 215-229.

"Our Players are Mostly Farmers': Baseball in Rural California, 1850-1890," in *Baseball in America and America in Baseball* (No. 38, Walter Prescott Webb Memorial Lecture Series), ed. Donald G. Kyle and Robert B. Fairbanks. College Station: Texas A&M University Press, 2008, pp. 8-31 (Winner, 2006 Webb-Smith Essay Competition and 2008 McFarland-SABR Baseball Research Award).

Invited Essays

"Introduction" to *The John Deere Story: A Biography of Plowmakers John and Charles Deere*, by Neil Dahlstrom and Jeremy Dahlstrom. DeKalb: Northern Illinois University Press, 2005, pp. xiii-xix.

"Olaf Tveitmoe," *American National Biography*. New York and Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1999, vol. 22, pp. 49-50

Fellowships and Research Grants

Program to Enhance Scholarly and Creative Activities Grant, Texas A&M University, 2006-2007 (\$10,000)

National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Stipend, 2005 (\$5,000)

Program to Enhance Scholarly and Creative Activities Grant, Texas A&M University, 2003-2004 (\$10,000)

National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship for University Teachers, 2001–2002 (\$35,000)

Program to Enhance Scholarly and Creative Activities Grant, Texas A&M University, 2001-2002 (\$7,500)

Humanities Research Matching Grant, Center for Humanities Research, Texas A&M University, 2001 (\$1,000)

Faculty Fellow in the College of Liberal Arts, Texas A&M University, 2000–2002 (\$5,000)

Center for Humanities Research Faculty Fellow, Texas A&M University, 1999–2000 (\$1,000)

Faculty Research Enhancement Award, College of Liberal Arts, Texas A&M University, 1999 (\$5,000)

Honors Curriculum Development Grant, Texas A&M University, 1999 (\$2,000)

Faculty Mini-Grant, Texas A&M University, 1998 (\$750)

National Endowment for the Humanities Dissertation Grant, 1994 (\$17,500)

Bancroft Library Fellowship for Graduate Study in History at the University of California, Berkeley, 1992–1993 (\$6,000)

Reed-Smith Research Award, University of California, Davis, 1992–1993 (\$1,000)

Research Assistantship in the Humanities, Davis Humanities Institute, 1989–1990 (\$12,000)

Conference Papers

"Wheat, Specialty Crops, Cotton: The Three Eras of California Agriculture," Plenary Session, Annual Meeting of the Agricultural History Society, Knoxville, Tennessee, June 4, 2021.

Roundtable participant, "Another University is Possible: Overcoming Threats to the History Profession in Texas and California," Plenary Session, Annual Meeting, Pacific Coast Branch of the American Historical Association, University of San Diego, San Diego, California, August 10, 2012.

"Abner Doubleday, Marc Bloch, and the Cultural Significance of Baseball in Rural America," Presidential Address, Annual Meeting of the Agricultural History Society, Rollins College, Winter Park, Florida, June 10, 2010.

"A Sharecropper's Son: Gaylord Perry, the Spitter, and Farm Life in Eastern North Carolina," 17th Annual *NINE* Spring Training Conference on the Historical and Sociological Impact of Baseball, Tempe, Arizona, March 12, 2010.

“Response,” *After the Gold Rush: Tarnished Dreams in the Sacramento Valley and the State of Rural History in California*,” Annual Meeting of the Agricultural History Society, University of Nevada, Reno, June 20, 2008.

“The West,” in “State of the Field: Rural History,” Annual Meeting of the Organization of American Historians, San Jose, California, April 3, 2005.

“A Tale of Three Land Grants on the Northern California Borderlands,” Symposium on Agriculture and Rural Life in the American Southwest and Northern Mexico (Agricultural History Society), New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, Las Cruces, New Mexico, May 30, 2003.

“After the Gold Rush: Replicating the Midwest in the Sacramento Valley,” Justice at Work: A Conference Honoring David Brody, University of California, Santa Barbara, August 9, 2002.

“Putah Creek: Water, Land, Wheat, and Community in the Sacramento Valley in the 1850s,” Symposium on Water and Rural History (Agricultural History Society and Natural Resources and Conservation Service), University of Nevada, Reno, May 31, 2001.

“State of the Art—Rural History, or Why is there no Rural History of California?” Organization of American Historians, Midwestern Regional Conference, Ames, Iowa, August 4, 2000.

“‘The Perfect Raisin’: Vineyard Culture in Fresno, California, 1875–1910,” Annual Meeting of the Social Science History Association, Fort Worth, Texas, November 12, 1999.

“Culture and Agriculture,” Annual Meeting of the Organization of American Historians, Toronto, Canada, April 22, 1999.

“Growers, (Agri)culture, and Labor Relations in a California Specialty Crop Community, 1880–1910,” Annual Meeting of the Organization of American Historians, San Francisco, California, April 18, 1997.

“(Horti)culture, Community, and Conflict in Northern California, 1880–1902,” Pacific Northwest History Conference, Oregon State University, Corvallis, Oregon, April 20, 1996.

“Factories in the Field Revisited,” Economic and Business History Society Conference, University of Colorado, Boulder, April 25, 1995.

“The Politics of Social Expertise: Carleton Parker and the California Commission of Immigration and Housing, 1913–1914,” Davis Humanities Institute, Davis, California, May 21, 1990.

Invited Lectures

Presentation on *Spitter: Baseball's Notorious Gaylord Perry*, New York Giants Preservation Society, September 14, 2023 (virtual).

Presentation on *Spitter: Baseball's Notorious Gaylord Perry*, Rogers Hornsby Chapter, Society for American Baseball Research (SABR), 17th Annual Winter Meeting, Texas State University, San Marcos, Texas, January 7, 2023.

Presentation on *Spitter: Baseball's Notorious Gaylord Perry*, Larry Dierker Chapter, Society for American Baseball Research (SABR), Houston, Texas, December 19, 2022.

Organization of American Historians Distinguished Lecture, “Abner Doubleday Revisited: Baseball in Rural America,” History Center of Olmsted County, Rochester, Minnesota, March 17, 2022.

“Settling Putah Creek After the Gold Rush,” public lecture, sponsored by Putah Creek Council and Yolo County Historical Society, Winters Historic Opera House, Winters, California, August 8, 2013.

“Baseball in Rural America,” Center for Rural and Regional Studies, Southwest Minnesota State University, Marshall, Minnesota, April 12, 2007.

“Baseball and (Agri)culture along Putah Creek, 1850-1890,” Department of History, University of California, Davis, March 9, 2007.

“The Failure to Reclaim Putah Sink, 1855-1895,” public lecture, Yolo County Public Library, Davis, California, March 8, 2007.

“Labor History until the Great Depression,” inaugural lecture, “Seventy Years of Migrant Labor in California” series, University of California, Merced, October 13, 2005.

“Cultivating California,” Heritage Shared, San Luis Obispo, California, November 3, 2001.

“Settling the California ‘Prairie’: Putah Creek in the 1850s,” Putah and Cache Bioregion Project, Department of English, University of California, Davis, May 29, 2001.

Book Reviews

San Francisco Bay Area Sports: Athletics, Recreation, and Community, ed. Rita Liberti, *Journal of American History* 105 (June 2018): 136.

Mover and Shaker: Walter O'Malley, the Dodgers, and Baseball's Westward Expansion, by Andy McCue, *Southern California Quarterly* 97 (Spring 2015): 124-126.

Standing Their Ground: Small Farmers in North Carolina since the Civil War, by Adrienne Monteith Petty, *Journal of Southern History* 81 (May 2015): 484-485.

Soft Soil, Black Grapes: The Birth of Italian Winemaking in California, by Simone Cinotto, *Journal of American History* 100 (December 2013): 884-885.

Will Rogers: A Political Life, by Richard D. White Jr., *Journal of Southern History* 79 (February 2013): 214-215.

Jacob's Well: A Case for Rethinking Family History, by Joseph A. Amato, *Agricultural History* 83 (Fall 2009): 542-543.

Meals to Come: A History of the Future of Food, by Warren Belasco, *American Historical Review* 112 (October 2007): 1231-1232.

Bailing Wire and Gamuza: The True Story of a Family Ranch Near Ramah, New Mexico, 1905-1986, by Barbara Vogt Mallory, *Agricultural History* 79 (Winter 2005): 124-125.

The King of California: J. G. Boswell and the Making of a Secret American Empire, by Mark Arax and Rick Wartzman, *Business History Review* 78 (Spring 2004): 119-121.

Every Farm A Factory: The Industrial Ideal in American Agriculture, by Deborah Fitzgerald, *Agricultural History* 77 (Fall 2003): 640-641.

Harvest Wobblies: The Industrial Workers of the World and Agricultural Laborers in the American West, 1905-1930, by Greg Hall, *Western Historical Quarterly* 34 (Spring 2003): 94-95.

A World of Its Own: Race, Labor, and Citrus in the Making of Greater Los Angeles, 1900-1970, by Matt Garcia, *American Historical Review* 108 (February 2003): 212-213.

American Agriculture in the Twentieth Century: How it Flourished and What it Cost, by Bruce L. Gardner, *Agricultural History* 76 (Fall 2002): 742-744.

Blood, Sweat, and Tears: Sport and the Making of Modern Canada, by Colin D. Howell, *The American Review of Canadian Studies* (Fall 2002): 508-509.

Industrial Cowboys: Miller & Lux and the Transformation of the Far West, 1850–1920, by David Igler, *Agricultural History* 76 (Summer 2002): 628–629.

The Agrarian Roots of Pragmatism, ed. Paul B. Thompson and Thomas C. Hilde, *Agricultural History* 76 (Winter 2002): 107–108.

The Agricultural Revolution of the 20th Century, by Don Paarlberg and Philip Paarlberg, *Indiana Magazine of History* 97 (December 2001): 326–327.

The Roots of Reform: Farmers, Workers, and the American State, 1877–1915, by Elizabeth Sanders, *American Historical Review* 106 (February 2001): 177–178.

True Gardens of the Gods: Californian-Australian Environmental Reform, 1860–1930, by Ian Tyrrell, *Pacific Historical Review* 70 (February 2001): 135–137.

Transforming California: A Political History of Land Use and Development, by Stephanie S. Pincetl, *H-California@h-net.msu.edu* (September 1, 2000).

The Fruits of Natural Advantage: Making the Industrial Countryside in California, by Steven Stoll, *Pacific Historical Review* 69 (February 2000): 118–119.

From Can See to Can't: Texas Cotton Farmers on the Southern Prairies, by Thad Sitton and Dan K. Utley, *Journal of American History* 85 (December 1998): 1093–1094.

Preserving the Family Farm: Women, Community, and the Foundations of Agribusiness in the Midwest, 1900–1940, by Mary Neth, *Labor History* 39 (November 1998): 486–487.

Alternative Agriculture: A History, From the Black Death to the Present Day, by Joan Thirsk, *Agricultural History* 72 (Fall 1998): 784–786.

Harvesting the High Plains: John Kriss and the Business of Wheat Farming, 1920–1950, by Craig Miner, *Alhfam Bulletin* 28 (Summer 1998): 15.

Working People of California, edited by Daniel Cornford, *Journal of American Ethnic History* 17 (Summer 1998): 109–110.

The Making of Western Labor Radicalism: Denver's Organized Workers, 1878–1905, David Brundage, *Pacific Historical Review* 65 (May 1996): 340–341.

Mexican Workers and American Dreams: Immigration, Repatriation, and California Farm Labor, 1900–1939, by Camille Guerin-Gonzales, *Agricultural History* 69 (Winter 1995): 119–121.

Farming the Home Place: A Japanese American Community in California, 1919–1982, by Valerie J. Matsumoto, *Agricultural History* 68 (Spring 1994): 273–274.

HONORS AND SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Finalist, Casey Award for the Best Baseball Book of the Year for 2023, *Spitter: Baseball's Notorious Gaylord Perry*

Fellow, Agricultural History Society, elected 2023

Organization of American Historians Distinguished Lecturer, 2019-2022, 2022-2024

Society for American Baseball Research SABR Baseball Research Award for 2014, *The Farmers' Game: Baseball in Rural America*

President, Agricultural History Society, 2009-2010

University Professorship for Undergraduate Teaching Excellence (UPUTE), Melbern G. Glasscock Professorship, Texas A&M University, 2008-2011

University Distinguished Lecturer, 2008-2009, “Abner Doubleday Revisited: Baseball in Rural America,” Annenberg Presidential Conference Center, Texas A&M University, March 10, 2009

McFarland-SABR Baseball Research Award for 2008, Society of American Baseball Research, “‘Our Players are Mostly Farmers’: Baseball in Rural California, 1850-1890”

Pathways to the Doctorate Research Assistantship Award, Office of Graduate Studies, Texas A&M University, December 15, 2006 (\$36,000 for recruiting and mentoring a doctoral student)

“History of the United States to 1877” (HIST 105) identified as a “Best Practices” course and cited as “exemplary” in a national study of U.S. history survey courses by the College Board Advanced Placement Best Practices Study for the redesign of the U.S. History Advanced Placement course, Center for Educational Policy Research, University of Oregon, September 1, 2006

The Association of Former Students Distinguished Achievement Award in Teaching, University Level, Texas A&M University, May 2, 2006

Webb-Smith Essay Competition Award, “‘Our Players are Mostly Farmers’: Baseball in Rural California, 1850-1890,” Walter Prescott Webb Memorial Lecture Series, University of Texas at Arlington, March 9, 2006

Fallon-Marshall Lecturer for 2003, “Born in the Country: Agriculture, Baseball, and the Paradox of American History,” College of Liberal Arts, Texas A&M University, October 16, 2003

W. Turrentine Jackson Award, American Historical Association, Pacific Coast Branch, for the most outstanding dissertation on the history of the American West in the twentieth century, 1997

Everett E. Edwards Award, Agricultural History Society, for the best manuscript submitted by a graduate student to *Agricultural History*, 1995

COURSES TAUGHT

Undergraduate

HIST 105, *History of the United States to 1877*
 HIST 106, *History of the United States from 1877*
 LBAR 289, *Baseball in American Culture* (First Year Seminar)
 HIST 317, *Born Country: American Agricultural History*
 HIST 371, *America in the Gilded Age*
 HIST 456, *American Agricultural History*
 HIST 456H, *The American Rural Experience in History and Fiction* (Honors)

Graduate

HIST 621, *History of the United States, 1877–1914*
 HIST 629, *Research Methods/Professional Development*
 HIST 632, *Reading Seminar in U.S. History after 1876*
 HIST 633, *The American West*

Principal Advisor of Graduate Students

Madalyn Ard (Ph.D.)
 Thomas Avila (Ph.D.)
 Matthew Keyworth (M.A.), degree granted 2007
 Thesis: “Poverty, Solidarity, and Opportunity: The 1938 San Antonio Pecan Shellers’ Strike”
 Matthew Keyworth (Ph.D.), degree granted 2014
 Dissertation: “Cultures of Dissent: Comparing Populism in Kansas and Texas, 1854-1890” (Professor and Chair, Department of History, Humanities, and Philosophy, Lone Star College, Houston, TX)
 Joseph Abel (M.A.), degree granted 2004
 Thesis: “Opening the Closed Shop: The Galveston’s Longshoremen’s Strike, 1900-1920” (received Ph.D. from Rice University, 2011)

Jason Mellard (M.A.), degree granted 2000
 Thesis: “Lone Star Reds: The Socialist Party and Cotton Tenancy in Texas”
 (received Ph.D. from the University of Texas, 2009)

Graduate Committee Member

Joe Bax (M.A.), degree granted 2001
 Jon Beall (Ph.D.), degree granted 2014
 Larry Blomstedt (Ph.D.), degree granted 2008
 Lori Henning (Ph.D.), degree granted 2015
 Jennifer Heth (Ph.D.), degree granted 2014
 Matthew Irwin (Ph.D.), degree granted 2014
 Jeremy James (M.A.), degree granted 2007
 Michael Krivdo (Ph.D.), degree granted 2011
 Derek Mallett (Ph.D.), degree granted 2009
 Verity McInnis (Ph.D.), degree granted 2012
 Robert Mihara (M.A.), degree granted 2007
 Raymond Mitchell (Ph.D.), degree granted 2024
 Cynthia Nevels (M.A.), degree granted 2003
 Debra Reid (Ph.D.), degree granted 2000
 Paul Springer (Ph.D.), degree granted 2006
 Christopher Thomas (Ph.D.), degree granted 2011
 Evert Villarreal (Ph.D., English), degree granted 2006
 Katherine Walters (Ph.D.), degree granted 2018

INTERNAL PROFESSIONAL AND SERVICE ACTIVITY

Department

Social Affairs and Outreach Committee, 2023-2025
 Chair, Hernández Promotion to Full Professor Subcommittee, 2022
 Chair, Anderson University Distinguished Professor Nominating Committee, 2022
 Chair, Hinojosa Promotion to Full Professor Subcommittee, 2021
 Digital Outreach Committee, 2021-2023
 Graduate Committee, 2021-2022
 Department Head, 2011-2019
 Chair, Search Committee, Glasscock Chair in American History, 2014-2015
 Chair, Strategic Plan Committee, 2011
 Chair, Ad Hoc Committee on strategies for filling projected shortage of
 instructors for HIST 105, 106, & 226, 2010
 Associate Department Head, 2006-2009
 Chair, Website Committee, 2008
 Chair, Undergraduate Committee, 2006-2009
 Search Committee, Glasscock Chair in American History, 2005-2008
 Grant-Writing Consultant, 2002-2010

Undergraduate Committee, 2005-2006
 Ad Hoc Committee to Review the Undergraduate Program, 2005-2006
 Ad Hoc Committee to Develop a Graduate Seminar on Research Methods and Professional Development, 2004
 Graduate Committee, 2003-2005
 Carnegie Initiative on the Doctorate, Advisory Committee, 2003-2004
 Executive Committee, 1998-2002
 Undergraduate Committee, 1998-2001
 Ad Hoc Committee on Peer Evaluation for Teaching, 1998

College

Task Force on the Dean's Advisory Committee, 2017-2018
 Advisory Committee on Endowed Appointments, 2016-2019
 Search Committee, Department Head, Department of Sociology, 2015-2016
 Guest Speaker, College of Liberal Arts Cornerstone Program, "The Unusual Making of a Professor of Liberal Arts," November 17, 2015
 Task Force on Advising, 2014
 Search Committee, Director of Research Development, Summer 2013
 Main Speaker, Symposium on Teaching Large Classes, sponsored by the College of Liberal Arts' Fasken Chair, December 8, 2010
 Dean's Ad Hoc Committee on Teaching Evaluations, 2007-2008
 Faculty Teaching Awards Subcommittee, two-year term, 2007-2008
 QEP (Quality Enhancement Plan) Council, 2006-2009
 Undergraduate Instruction Committee, 2006-2009
 Table Host, "Great Conversations" Dinner, Texas A&M Foundation Trustees Quarterly Meeting, November 2, 2006
 Dean's Ad Hoc Committee on Communications Within the College of Liberal Arts, 2004-2005
 Dean's Ad Hoc Committee to Consider Merit-Related Topics, 2002-2003
 Liberal Arts Council, 2002-2003
 Liberal Arts Council Representative to the Executive Council, 2002-2003
 Ad Hoc Committee to Review Faculty Development Leaves, Fall 2002
 Judge, Glasscock Book Prize, Glasscock Center for Humanities Research, 2002
 Evaluation Committee, Department Head, Department of History, October 2000

University

Member, Presidential Professor for Teaching Excellence (PPTE) Award Committee, 2021-2022
 Faculty Adviser, Crocs Revival on Campus Society, Student Organization, 2016-2022
 Seminar leader, "American Politics: From 100 Years Ago to the Present," University Scholars Program, September 21, 2016
 Workshop leader, Grant Writing Workshop for Faculty in the Humanities, Melbern G. Glasscock Center for Humanities Research, January 30, 2013

Workshop leader, Teaching Large Classes, Center for Teaching Excellence, October 4, 2012

Workshop leader, Grant Writing Workshop for Faculty in the Humanities and Social Sciences, Melbern G. Glasscock Center for Humanities Research, September 26, 2012

"The Joys and Challenges of Teaching Aggies," Fall Teaching Assistant Training, Center for Teaching Excellence, August 25, 2011

"Tenure and Promotion" Panel, New Faculty Orientation, Dean of Faculties Office, August 19, 2008

Panel Review Committee, Program to Enhance Scholarly and Creative Activities, 2007

Faculty Advisory Board, Texas A&M University Press, three-year term, 2005-2008

Panel Review Committee, Program to Enhance Scholarly and Creative Activities, 2005

Faculty Advisory Board, Texas A&M University Press, three-year term, 2002-2005

Panel Review Committee, Program to Enhance Scholarly and Creative Activities, 2000

Judge, Biochemistry and Biology Panel, Student Research Competition, Second Annual Student Research Week, March 25, 1999

Panel Review Committee, Program to Enhance Scholarly and Creative Activities, 1999

Professional Development

Participant, "How to Respond to Students in Distress," Center for Teaching Excellence Workshop, TAMU, October 4, 2022

Participant, "Promoting Open-Mindedness in the Classroom," Center for Teaching Excellence Workshop, TAMU, September 9, 2022

Participant, "Leveraging Lessons Learned: Best Practices in Engaging and Motivating Students," Center for Teaching Excellence Workshop, TAMU, September 7, 2021

Participant, "Synchronous Spotlight" and "How Did Summer II Go?" The Big Splash, TAMU, August 6, 2020

Participant, "The College Survey (online): A Conversation with Teachers and Students," American Historical Association Webinar, July 28, 2020

Participant, Pearson Higher Ed, Navigate Digital Change Series, "Powerful Tips for Online Courses," July 13, 2020

Participant, Texas A&M University Campus Carry Presentation, June 26, 2016

Participant, Center for Teaching Excellence/Dean of Faculties Mentoring Series, "Creating a Mentoring Culture," September 7, 2015

Participant, Dean of Faculties Department Head Workshops, monthly, 2014-2016

Participant, "Advancing the Department Chair's Role in Diversity Transformation," Workshop given by Dr. Edna Chun, Race and Ethnicity Studies Institute, October 29, 2014

Participant, "Principled, Preventive Leadership: Practical Tools for Enhancing Civility in Higher Education," Workshop given by C. K. Gunsalus, College of Education and Human Development, October 24, 2013

Participant, Aggie Allies ADVANCE Training, October 16, 2013

Participant, 40-Hour Basic Mediation Training, Office of the Vice President and Associate Provost for Diversity, May 16-25, 2012

Participant, Conflict Management Workshop for Department Heads, Office of the Vice President and Associate Provost for Diversity and the ADVANCE Center, November 17, 2011

New Academic Leaders Orientation, Dean of Faculties, September 6, 2011

EXTERNAL PROFESSIONAL AND SERVICE ACTIVITY

Session Chair, Commentator, or Coordinator

Chair and Commentator, "Baseball in the American Heartland," Annual Meeting of the Southern Historical Association, St. Louis, Missouri, November 2, 2013

Chair and Moderator, "Quality versus Quantity: Competing Visions of Food, Farming, and Rural Life," Plenary Session, Annual Meeting of the Agricultural History Society, Springfield, Illinois, June 15, 2011

Chair and Commentator, "Our Land: Race, Gender, and Agrarian Democracy in California, 1850 to 1924," Annual Meeting of the Western History Association, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, October 5, 2007

Chair and Commentator, "Asian Farmers and American Labor: Challenging White Domination of the Soil," Annual Meeting of the Agricultural History Society, Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa, June 21, 2007

Chair and Commentator, "Agricultural Visions and the Press, American and German Case Studies" Annual Meeting of the Agricultural History Society, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, Massachusetts, 2006

Commentator, "Exploiting the Agrarian Ideal in Two Centuries," Annual Meeting of the Southwestern Social Science Association, San Antonio, Texas, April 17, 2003

Commentator, "Agricultural Innovation in Texas," Annual Meeting of the Texas State Historical Association, Corpus Christi, Texas, March 7, 2002

Chair and Commentator, "Settling the Public Domain," Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association, Las Vegas, Nevada, March 16, 2001

Session Coordinator and Chair, "Agriculture," World 2000: Conference on Teaching World History and Geography, Austin, Texas, February 11–12, 2000

Chair and Commentator, "The Long Haul: Farmworker Organizing and the Labor Movement," Twentieth Annual North American Labor History Conference, Wayne State University, Detroit, Michigan, October 17, 1998

Membership/Leadership in Scholarly Societies

Agricultural History Society

Fellow, elected 2023

Past President on Executive Committee, 2011-2013

President, 2009-2010

President's Committee, 2009-2012 (chair 2009-2010)

Vice-President/President Elect, 2008-2009

Chair, Program Committee, Annual Meeting for 2007

Chair, Journal Committee, 2006-2009

Executive Committee, three-year term, 2005-2008 (elected)

Editorial Board, *Agricultural History*, three-year term, 2005-2008

Offered editorship, *Agricultural History*, April 1, 2001 (declined)

Vernon Carstensen Committee, for selecting the best article published in *Agricultural History*, 1999–2001 (chair, 2001)

American Historical Association

American Historical Association—Pacific Coast Branch

California Historical Society

Labor and Working-Class History Association

Organization of American Historians

Society for American Baseball Research

Society for the History of the Gilded Age and Progressive Era

Southern Historical Association

Western History Association

Editorial Services to Scholarly Publishers

Book Manuscripts

Huntington Library Press
 Johns Hopkins University Press
 Minnesota Historical Society Press
 Northern Illinois University Press (4)
 Routledge (2)
 Texas A&M University Press (3)
 Texas Tech University Press (2)
 University of Alabama Press
 University of Arizona Press
 University of California Press (2)
 University of Nebraska Press (5)
 University of North Carolina Press (3)
 University of Oklahoma Press (2)
 University Press of Kansas (5)
 West Virginia University Press
 Yale University Press (3)

Article Manuscripts

Agora
Agricultural History (29)
Boom: A Journal of California
California History
Environmental History
Journal of American History (5)
Journal of Global History
Journal of Policy History
Journal of Southern History (3)
Labor History
New Mexico Historical Review
Pacific Historical Review (7)
Social Science History
Technology and Culture (2)
Western Historical Quarterly (3)

Consulting Activities

National Endowment for the Humanities, American History Evaluation Panel,
 Summer Stipend Applications for 2019, October-November 2018

External Review Committee, Department of History, Purdue University, West
 Lafayette, Indiana, March 11-13, 2014

Outside Evaluator, Tenure and Promotion Committee, Department of History,
University of California, Davis, 2013

Outside Evaluator, Tenure and Promotion Committee, Department of History,
Iowa State University, 2012

Outside Evaluator, Tenure and Promotion Committee, Department of History,
Mississippi State University, 2011

Participant, Texas College Readiness Project, Social Science Subject Area (for
HIST 106, “History of the U.S. since 1877”), Texas Higher Education
Coordinating Board, 2008

External Review Committee, Department of History, Iowa State University,
Ames, Iowa, February 2008

National Endowment for the Humanities, American History Evaluation Panel,
Summer Stipend Applications for 2008, October-November 2007

National Endowment for the Humanities, American History Evaluation Panel,
Summer Stipend Applications for 2006, October-November 2005

Outside Evaluator, Tenure and Promotion Committee, Department of History,
North Dakota State University, August 8, 2005

National Endowment for the Humanities, American History Evaluation Panel,
Fellowships for University Teachers Applications for 2005, Washington,
D.C., July 22, 2004

Public Service

Interviewed by Marty Lurie, “Talking Baseball,” Giants Pregame Show, KNBR
Radio, San Francisco, CA, April 9, 2023

Interviewed by Colin Woodward on his podcast, *American Rambler*, January 12,
2023 (aired January 28, 2023)

Interviewed by Chip Howard, Chip Howard’s Sports Talk, Sports Radio 93.7FM,
Bryan/College Station, Texas, December 13, 2022 (live in studio)

“Abner Doubleday Revisited: Baseball in Rural America,” The Langford
Methodist Retirement Community, College Station, Texas, July 12, 2022

Interviewed by Philip Shackelford on his podcast, *The Modern Scholar*, April 1,
2022 (aired August 23, 2022)

Interviewed by *The Daily Yonder* on the decline of minor league baseball in rural America, September 25, 2020

Interviewed on First News at Four (live), KBTX-TV, Bryan/College Station, Texas, on the Houston Astros Cheating Scandal, January 14, 2020

Interviewed by Peter Day, "World of Business: Immigration and Drought in California," BBC Radio, November 10, 2015 (aired January 17, 2016)

Interviewed on ABC-40, KRHD Bryan/College Station, on Baseball in Rural America, May 10, 2013

"Rural Origins of Baseball," Academic Minute, WAMC Northeast Public Radio, May 23, 2013 (replayed on Inside Higher Ed, May 23, 2013)

Interviewed on Aggie Nation, Sports Radio 1150 The Zone, Bryan, Texas, on Baseball in Rural America, May 10, 2013

Interviewed on Senior Voice America Radio, WMGG, Tampa, Florida, on Gambling and Rural Baseball, April 15, 2013

"Baseball and Agrarianism," Johns Hopkins University Press Blog Post, April 1, 2013

Interviewed on KNCO News Talk Radio, Grass Valley, California, on the 99th Anniversary of the Wheatland Hop Riot, August 6, 2012

"Rural Baseball on the American Frontier," talk before members of "The Westerners Brazos Corral," Westerners International, College Station, Texas, October 18, 2011

Interviewed on FOX26 Morning News, KRIVTV, Houston, Texas, on the field at Minute Maid Park, on the historical origins of baseball, April 6, 2009

Interviewed by Michael Board, WOAI-AM Radio, San Antonio, Texas, on the historical origins of baseball, April 6, 2009

Reviewed book manuscript, "The Texas Fight for Independence—From the Alamo to San Jacinto," to be marketed to students in grades 4 to 10, for Enslow Publishers, Inc., Berkeley Heights, New Jersey, January 17, 2006

Reviewed book manuscript, "The Louisiana Purchase—The Deal of the Century that Doubled the Nation," to be marketed to students in grades 4 to 10, for Enslow Publishers, Inc., Berkeley Heights, New Jersey, November 22, 2005

Reviewed book manuscript, "What Made the Wild West Wild," to be marketed to students in grades 4 to 10, for Enslow Publishers, Inc., Berkeley Heights, New Jersey, October 18, 2005

Reviewed book manuscript, "The Gold Rush to California Riches," to be marketed to students in grades 4 to 10, for Enslow Publishers, Inc., Berkeley Heights, New Jersey, June 15, 2005

Interviewed for "Farming's Catch-22," *Successful Farming Radio Magazine*, aired on 130 stations in 20 states, July 9, 2003

Interviewed for "Looking Back," *Successful Farming Radio Magazine*, aired on 130 stations in 20 states, June 10, 2003

Interviewed for "Top Ten Developments in Agriculture during the Past 50 years," North American Agricultural Journalists, April 3, 2003

Reviewer, End-of-the-Course U.S. History Exam for Texas High School students, for State Representative Kent Grusendorf, District 64, March 10, 1999