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## CURRICULUM VITAE

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## EDUCATION

1992	Ph.D. History	University of Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh, PA
1984	Teaching Certification	University of Iowa	Iowa City, IA
1983	M.A. History	University of Iowa	Iowa City, IA
1982	B.A., Honors History	St. Ambrose College	Davenport, IA

## ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

2008-present	Professor, History Department, Western Michigan University
2016-2020	Professor and Chair, History Department, Western Michigan University
2012-2016	Professor and Associate Chair, History Department, Western Michigan University
2008-2009	Visiting Professor, Graduate School of American Studies, Doshisha University, Kyoto, Japan
2002-2008	Associate Professor, History Department, Western Michigan University
2001-2002	Associate Professor, History Department, Indiana State University
1997-2001	Assistant Professor, History Department, Indiana State University, Terre Haute, Indiana
1994-1997	Assistant Professor, Social Science Department, Valley City State University, Valley City, North Dakota
1994	Adjunct History Faculty, Metropolitan State University, St. Paul, Minnesota
1993-1994	History Instructor, Normandale Community College, Bloomington, Minnesota
1992-1993	Social Studies and English Teacher, Twelve Corners Middle School, and Global Studies Instructor, Brighton High School, Brighton, New York
1991-1992	Assistant English Teacher, Miyazaki Commercial High School (Miyazaki Shogyo Koko) and Miyazaki Fisheries High School (Miyazaki Suisan Koko), Miyazaki City, Miyazaki Prefecture, Japan
1990-1991	Adjunct History Faculty, Kansas City Kansas Community College, Leavenworth, Kansas, and Johnson County Community College, Overland Park, Kansas
1985-1989	Teaching Fellow, History Department, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
1984-1985	Adjunct History Faculty, Kirkwood Community College, Cedar Rapids and Iowa City, Iowa
1984-1985	Teacher, Iowa City, Iowa, Public Schools

## PUBLICATIONS

### Books (Refereed)

*Meat Makes People Powerful: A Global History of the Modern Era.* Iowa City, IA: University of Iowa Press, 2018.

*Collaboration and the Future of Education: Preserving the Right to Think and Teach Historically,* with Gordon P. Andrews and James P. Cousins. New York: Routledge, 2016.

*Tied to the Great Packing Machine: The Midwest and Meatpacking.* Iowa City, IA: University of Iowa Press, 2007.

*Teaching History in the Digital Classroom,* with D. Antonio Cantu. Armonk, NY: M.E. Sharpe, 2003.

*Struggling with "Iowa's Pride": Labor Relations, Unionism, and Politics in the Rural Midwest since 1877.* Iowa City, IA: University of Iowa Press, 2000.

**PUBLICATIONS**

**Books (Non-Refereed)**

*Ottumwa*, with Michael W. Lemberger. Charleston, SC: Arcadia Publishing, 2006.

*The Greater Beneficial Union of Pittsburgh: The Changing Dimensions of a Fraternal Enterprise, 1892-1992.*  
Pittsburgh: Greater Beneficial Union of Pittsburgh, 1992.

**Books (Non-Refereed: Fiction)**

*Animeat's End: A Future History of the End of Animal Meat.* Bloomington, IN: AuthorHouse, 2012.

**Books (Edited)**

*History Education 101: The Past, Present, and Future of Teacher Education*, with D. Antonio Cantu. Charlotte, NC: Information Age Publishing, Inc., 2008.

**Articles/Book Chapters (Lead Author/Refereed)**

"Sliding into Oblivion?: Michigan's History and Social Studies Teaching Preparation Programs since 2010," with David Zwart. *Teaching History* 50: 1 (Winter 2025): 31-43.

"Historians Need to Collaborate with K-12 History Educators More Than Ever," with Gordon P. Andrews and James P. Cousins. *Teaching History* 42:1(Spring 2017): 36-46.

"Local 1's Unionism and the Transformation of Iowa's Politics, 1939-1970," *Annals of Iowa* 76:1(Winter 2017): 71-113.

"Response to Arielle Smith: Focusing on Historiography in Teacher Preparation," *International Journal of Social Education* 25:1(Spring/Summer 2010 [2014]): 35-37.

"Beyond the Rust Belt: The Neglected History of the Rural Midwest's Industrialization after World War II," in *The Rural Midwest since World War II*, edited by J.L. Anderson, 72-102. DeKalb, IL: Northern Illinois University Press, 2014.

"Bridging the Gap between K-12 Teachers and Post-Secondary Historians," *Perspectives on History* 46: 7(October 2008): 52-54.

"The Evolution of a History-Centered Teaching Program: Western Michigan University's Preparation of Secondary Teachers," in *History Education 101: The Past, Present, and Future of Teacher Preparation*, edited by Wilson J. Warren and D. Antonio Cantu, 45-59. Charlotte, NC: Information Age Publishing, Inc., 2008.

"Closing the Distance Between Authentic History Pedagogy and Everyday Classroom Practice," *The History Teacher* 40(February 2007): 249-255.

"Meatpacking in Illinois History," *Illinois History Teacher* 13(Fall 2006): 36-39.

"Improving Critical Thinking in a United States History Class: An Activity for Teaching The Vietnam War," with David M. Memory and Kevin Bolinger. *The History Teacher* 37(February 2004): 193-209.

"Accommodating Weak Readers in History Research Projects: Using Varied Types of Sources," with David M. Memory. *Social Studies* 92(July/August 2001): 161-166.

"They Met at the Fair: UPWA and Farmer-Labor Cooperation, 1944-1952," with Bruce Fehn and Marianne Robinson. *Labor's Heritage* 11(Fall 2000/Winter 2001): 18-35.

"Using the World Wide Web for Primary Source Research in Secondary History Classes," in *History.edu: Essays on Teaching with Technology*, edited by Dennis A. Trinkle and Scott A. Merriman, 171-180. Armonk, NY: M.E. Sharpe, 2000.

"Using the World Wide Web for Primary Source Research in High School History Classes," *Journal of the Association for History and Computing* 2(August 1999) [electronic journal]  
<[www.mcel.pacificu.edu/jahc/jahci2/articlesii2/warren/warren.html](http://www.mcel.pacificu.edu/jahc/jahci2/articlesii2/warren/warren.html)>

"Evangelical Paternalism and Divided Workers: The Nonunion Era at John Morrell and Company in Ottumwa, 1877-1917," *Annals of Iowa* 56(Fall 1997): 321-348.

**PUBLICATIONS****Articles/Book Chapters (Lead Author/Refereed), continued**

- "The Limits of Social Democratic Unionism in Midwestern Meatpacking Communities: Patterns of Internal Strife, 1948-1955," in *Unionizing the Jungles: Essays on Labor and Community in the Twentieth-Century Meatpacking Industry*, edited by Shelton Stromquist and Marvin Bergman, 128-158. Iowa City, IA: University of Iowa Press, 1997.
- "The Impasse of Radicalism and Race: Omaha's Meatpacking Unionism, 1945-1955," *Journal of the West* 35(April 1996): 50-54.
- "When 'Ottumwa Went to the Dogs': The Erosion of Morrell-Ottumwa's Militant Unionism, 1954-1973," *Annals of Iowa* 54(Summer 1995): 217-243.
- "The Heyday of the CIO in Iowa: Ottumwa's Meatpacking Workers, 1937-1954," *Annals of Iowa* 51(Spring 1992): 363-389.
- "The Allegheny County Inactive Voter Registration Cards: A Social History Source for Twentieth Century Research," *Western Pennsylvania Historical Magazine* 71(July/October 1988): 301-305.
- "The 'Peoples Century' in Iowa: Coalition-Building among Farm and Labor Organizations, 1945-1950," *Annals of Iowa* 49(Summer 1988): 371-393.
- "The Welfare Capitalism of John Morrell, 1922-1937," *Annals of Iowa* 47(Fall 1984): 485-512.

**Articles/Book Chapters (Contributing Author/Refereed)**

- "How the Politicization of History Education Led to Michigan's Fall," with Gordon P. Andrews. *Phi Delta Kappan* 99:8(May 2018), 19-24.
- "Reflections from the Field: Teaching History Now: Secondary Schools," with Sarah Drake Brown. *Teaching History* 42:2(Fall 2017): 104-107.
- "Crossing the Educational Rubicon without the TAH: Collaboration among University and Secondary-Level History Educators," with Gordon Andrews and Sarah Drake Brown. *The History Teacher* 46:2(February 2013): 253-266.
- "Methods Practiced in Social Studies Instruction: A Review of Public School Teachers' Strategies," with Kevin Bolinger. *International Journal of Social Education* 22 (Spring/Summer 2007): 68-84.
- "Assessing the Factorial Structure of High School History Teachers' Perceptions on Teaching American History," with Yuanlong Liu, Jianping Shen, and Lynne E. Cowart. *Teacher Development* 10(October 2006): 375-387.
- "Creating Thinking and Inquiry Tasks that Reflect the Concerns and Interests of Adolescents," with David M. Memory, Carol Y. Yoder, and Kevin B. Bolinger. *Social Studies* 95(July/August 2004): 147-154.

**Invited Articles (Non-refereed)**

- "The Meat Industry Goes Back to the Jungle," *Current History* 120, no. 822 (January 2021): 21-27.
- "The IPSB's New Licensing Framework and its Impact on Secondary Social Studies Programs in Indiana," *Viewpoints* (official publication of the Indiana Council for the Social Studies) 31(Fall/Winter 2001/2002): 22-26.

**Journal Issues Edited**

- International Journal of Social Education* 22(Spring/Summer 2007). Guest editor for issue on "Historical Thinking"

**Encyclopedia Entries**

- "Meatpacking," pp. 341-353, in *A Companion to American Agricultural History*, edited by R. Douglas Hurt. Hoboken, NJ: John Wiley and Sons, 2022.
- "Thomas Dove Foster," pp. 165-167; "Thomas Henry Foster," pp. 165-167; "Herschel Celler Loveless," pp. 322-324; and "John H. Morrell," pp. 373-374, in *The Biographical Dictionary of Iowa*, edited by David Hudson, Marvin Bergman, and Loren Horten. Iowa City: University of Iowa Press, 2008.
- "United Packinghouse Workers of America/Packinghouse Workers' Organizing Committee," pp. 1437-1442, in *Encyclopedia of U.S. Labor and Working-Class History*, edited by Eric Arneson. New York: Routledge, 2007.
- "Packinghouse Workers," p. 1310; "Farmers and Laborers," pp. 1095-1097; "Company Towns," p. 1314; and "Manufacturing or Processing Sites," pp. 1084-1086, in *The American Midwest: An Interpretive Encyclopedia*, edited by Richard Sisson, Andrew R. L. Clayton, and Christian K. Zacher. Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 2006.

**PUBLICATIONS****Book Reviews**

- Journal of American History*, forthcoming. Thomas A. Krainz, *A Great Many Refugees: Progressive Era Assistance in the American West*. Lincoln, NE: University of Nebraska Press, 2025.
- Journal of American History*, 111, no. 3 (2024): 625-626. Matt Garcia, *Eli and the Octopus: The CEO Who Tried to Reform One of the World's Most Notorious Corporations*. Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, 2023.
- Journal of Interdisciplinary History*, 52, no. 1(2021): 104-106. Paul R. Josephson, *Chicken: A History from Farmyard to Factory*. Boston: Polity Press, 2020.
- Agricultural History*, 95, no. 2(2021): 380-382. Josh Berson, *The Meat Question: Animals, Humans, and the Deep History of Food*. Cambridge, MA: MIT Press, 2019.
- American Historical Review*, 125, no. 2 (2020): 665. Joshua Specht, *Red Meat Republic: A Hoof-to-Table History of How Beef Changed America*. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2019.
- Annals of Iowa*, 78:3 (2019): 297-299. J.L. Anderson, *Capitalist Pigs: Pigs, Pork, and Power in America*. Morgantown: West Virginia University Press, 2019.
- Journal of American History*, 105:4 (2019): 1066-1067. Laura Phillips Sawyer, *American Fair Trade: Proprietary Capitalism, Corporatism, and the 'New Competition,' 1890-1940*. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2018.
- Middle West Review* 3:2(2017): 105-107: Helen Zoe Veit, ed., *Food in the Civil War Era: The North*. East Lansing, MI: Michigan State University Press, 2014.
- Labor* 14:2(2017): 100-102: Heather B. Barrow, *Henry Ford's Plan for the American Suburb: Dearborn and Detroit*. DeKalb: Northern Illinois University Press, 2015.
- Journal of American History* 103:3(2016): 782-783: Dominic A. Pacyga, *Slaughterhouse: Chicago's Union Stock Yard and the World It Made*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2015.
- Agricultural History* 90:3(2016): 421-423: David B. Danbom, ed., *Bridging the Distance: Common Issues of the Rural West*. Salt Lake City: University of Utah Press, 2015.
- Annals of Iowa* 73:2(2014): 164-166: Maureen Ogle, *In Meat We Trust: An Unexpected History of Carnivore America*. Boston: Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2013.
- Journal of Illinois History* 15:2 (2012): 125-126: John B. Jentz and Richard Schneirov, *Chicago in the Age of Capital: Class, Politics, and Democracy during the Civil War and Reconstruction*. Urbana, IL: University of Illinois Press, 2012.
- Labor History* 52:3(2011): 369-371: John F. Lyons, *Teachers and Reform: Chicago Public Education, 1929-1970*. Urbana, IL: University of Illinois Press, 2008.
- Business History* 52:6 (2010): 1014-1015: Lawrence M. Woods, *Horace Plunkett in America: An Irish Aristocrat on the Wyoming Range*. Norman, OK: The Arthur H. Clark Company, 2010.
- Michigan Historical Review* 33(Fall 2007): 189-190: Clayton Sinyai, *Schools of Democracy: A Political History of the American Labor Movement*. Ithaca, NY: ILR Press, 2006.
- Annals of Iowa* 66(Spring 2007): 213-214: Marcia Poole, *The Yards, A Way of Life: A Story of the Sioux City Stockyards*. Sioux City, IA: Sioux City Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center Association, 2006.
- Annals of Iowa* 66(Winter 2007): 112-114: R. Alton Lee, *Farmers vs. Wage Earners: Organized Labor in Kansas, 1860-1960*. Lincoln, NE: University of Nebraska Press, 2005.
- Journal of Illinois History* 9(Winter 2006): 310-312: Rosemary Feurer, *Radical Unionism in the Midwest, 1900-1950*. Urbana, IL: University of Illinois Press, 2006.
- History Teacher* 38(May 2005): 408-409: Ronald W. Evans, *The Social Studies Wars: What Should We Teach the Children?* New York: Teachers College Press, 2004.
- Journal of the Illinois State Historical Society* 97 (Spring 2004): 78-80: Robert Bruno, *Reforming the Chicago Teamsters: The Story of Local 705*. De Kalb: Northern Illinois University Press, 2003.
- Journal of Illinois History* 7(Winter 2004): 326-327: Hutchins Hapgood, *The Spirit of Labor*. Rev. ed. (original publ. 1907). Urbana: University of Illinois Press, 2004.
- Annals of Iowa* 61(Winter 2002): 84-85: Chad Berry, *Southern Migrants, Northern Exiles*. Urbana: University of Illinois Press, 2000.
- Journal of Illinois History* 5(Spring 2002): 58-59: Stephen Franklin, *Three Strikes: Labor's Heartland Losses and What They Mean for Working Americans*. New York: Guilford, 2001.

**PUBLICATIONS****Book Reviews, continued**

- Journal of Illinois History* 4(Summer 2001): 165-166: Andrew Edmund Kersten, *Race, Jobs, and the War: The FEPC in the Midwest, 1941-46*. Urbana: University of Illinois Press, 2000.
- Michigan Historical Review* 27(Spring 2001): 186-187: Darryl Holter, *Workers and Unions in Wisconsin: A Labor History Anthology*. Madison: State Historical Society of Wisconsin, 1999.
- Annals of Iowa* 58(Winter 1999): 108-110: Deborah Fink, *Cutting into the Meatpacking Line: Workers and Change in the Rural Midwest*. Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 1998.
- Journal of Illinois History* 1(Winter 1998): 146-147: Rick Halpern, *Down on the Killing Floor: Black and White Workers in Chicago's Packinghouses, 1904-54*. Urbana: University of Illinois Press, 1997.
- Journal of the West* 36(October 1997): 111: Jonathan D. Rosenblum, *Copper Crucible: How the Arizona Miners' Strike of 1983 Recast Labor-Management Relations in America*. Ithaca, NY: ILR Press, 1995.
- Journal of the West* 36(October 1997): 110-111: Donald D. Stull, Michael J. Broadway, and David Griffith, eds., *Any Way You Cut It: Meat Processing and Small-Town America*. Lawrence, KS: University Press of Kansas, 1995.
- North Dakota History* 63(Fall 1996): 35-36: Leon Fink, *In Search of the Working Class: Essays in American Labor History and Political Culture*. Urbana: University of Illinois Press, 1994.
- Public Historian* 17(Fall 1995): 97-100: Deborah S. Gardner, *This Inventive Century: The Incredible Journey of Underwriters Laboratories*. Northbrook, IL: Underwriters Laboratories, 1994.
- Labor History* 35(Winter 1994): 153-154: Peter B. Levy, *Let Freedom Ring: A Documentary History of the Modern Civil Rights Movement*. New York: Praeger, 1992.
- Histoire sociale/ Social History* 26(November 1993): 382-384: Steve Babson, *Building the Union: Skilled Workers and Anglo-Gaelic Immigrants in the Rise of the UAW*. New Brunswick, N.J.: Rutgers University Press, 1991.
- Pittsburgh History* 76(Fall 1993): 151-152: Paul Krause, *The Battle for Homestead, 1880-1892: Politics, Culture, and Steel*. Pittsburgh: University of Pittsburgh Press, 1992.
- Annals of Iowa* 51(Winter 1992): 324-325: Hardy S. Green, *On Strike at Hormel: The Struggle for a Democratic Labor Movement*. Philadelphia: Temple University Press, 1990.
- Pittsburgh History* 73(Spring 1990): 47-48: Patrick J. McGeever, *Rev. Charles Owen Rice: Apostle of Contradiction*. Pittsburgh: Duquesne University Press, 1989.
- Pittsburgh History* 72(Winter 1989): 54-55: Paul F. Clark, Peter Gottlieb and Donald Kennedy, eds. *Forging a Union of Steel: Philip Murray, SWOC, and the United Steel Workers*. Ithaca, NY: ILR Press, 1987.

**MANUSCRIPTS REVIEWED**

- Social Studies Education textbooks for Merrill Prentice-Hall: *Interdisciplinary Social Studies Methods Activities*; *Using Artifacts to Link Literacy and Social Studies*; *50 Social Studies Strategies*; and *Social Studies in Elementary Education*; for Routledge: *Critical Thinking, Reading and Teaching in Social Science and History Classrooms*
- History Education textbook for Cambridge Scholars Publishing: *The Role of Agency and Memory in Historical Understanding: Revolution, Reform, and Rebellion*.
- Labor History monographs for University of Iowa Press: *Hog Wild: Smithfield Foods and the Unionization of the World's Largest Slaughterhouse* and *We Were Still Ladies: Gender and Industrial Unionism in the Rural Midwest After World War II*
- Labor History textbook for Routledge: *The Labor Movement in the Twentieth Century*
- Meat/Animal monographs reviewed for Polity: *Chicken: A History from Farmyard to Factory*; and Oregon State University Press: *Dairy Goats in America: From Poor Man's Cow to America's Darling*
- American History textbook for Longman Publishers: *American Realities*, Volume Two, Fifth Edition
- World History textbook for West Educational Publishing: Philip J. Adler, *World Civilizations*
- Articles reviewed for *Agricultural History*, *Annals of Iowa*, *The High School Journal*, *Journal of Illinois History*, *History of Education Quarterly*, *Labor: Studies in Working-Class History*, and *Teaching History*

**CONFERENCE PAPERS**

**Papers/Presentations**

Chair/Panelist: "History and Social Studies Teacher Preparation Programs: Will They Survive?"

Organization of American Historians Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, 5 April 2025

"Democracy's Institutions: History Teacher Preparation at Midwestern Teachers Colleges," Midwestern History Conference, Grand Rapids, MI, 19 May 2023.

"History Education in the Normal School Era: Lessons for Collaboration Today," Teaching History Conference at UC Davis, Virtual Conference, 7 May 2021.

"Historians and K-12 History Educators Need to Collaborate: Empowering Students by Building Literacy Skills," Michigan Council for the Social Studies Fall Symposium, Macomb ISD, MI, 2 November 2019

"Bridging the Digital Divide through the National History Day Contest," Teaching History Conference, University of California-Berkeley History-Social Science Project, Berkeley, CA, 5 May 2017

"Impediments to Authentic History Teaching in High School Classrooms," Teaching History Conference, University of California-Berkeley History-Social Science Project, Berkeley, CA, 1 May 2015

Panelist: "Collaboration and History Education: Dialogue Across Many Divides," Great Lakes History Conference, Grand Rapids, MI, 11 October 2014

Panelist: "Educating Future History Teachers: Models of University and High School Collaboration," Organization of American Historians Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA, 13 April 2014

"Historiography in High School Classrooms: A Review of the Literature," Great Lakes History Conference, Grand Rapids, MI, 12 October 2013

"*History Alive* is History Dead: Historical Thinking Skills and the *History Alive!* Curriculum," Great Lakes History Conference, Grand Rapids, MI, 8 October 2011

Panelist: "Decline and Other Stories: A Roundtable on the Post World War II Rural Midwest," Agricultural History Society Conference, Springfield, IL, 18 June 2011

Panelist: "Creating a History Teaching and Learning Community: Experiences of a Secondary School-University Alliance in Southwestern Michigan," Organization of American Historians Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., 9 April 2010

Chair/Commentator: "Biographical History," Phi Alpha Theta Regional Conference, Kalamazoo, MI, 27 March 2010

"The Buraku in Japan's Contemporary Civil Rights Movement," National Council for the Social Studies Conference, Atlanta, GA, 13 November 2009

"Promoting Best Practices in High School Social Studies through Collaboration," Michigan Joint Education Conference, Holt, MI, 25 June 2008 (with Gordon Andrews)

Panelist: "State of the Field: History Teaching and Learning," Organization of American Historians Annual Meeting, New York City, NY, 29 March 2008

Chair/Commentator: "Visual Thinking in History," American Historical Association Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., 3 January 2008

Chair/Commentator: "Composing Visual History in the Computer Age: Assessing the Elements and Quality of Computer-Assisted Student Productions," Organization of American Historians Annual Meeting, Minneapolis, MN, 1 April 2007

Chair/Commentator: "War Work: American Labor and War," Great Lakes History Conference, Grand Rapids, MI, 21 October 2006

"Measuring Perceptions and Behaviors Related to Teaching History: Developing and Using an Instrument," Teaching American History Regional Project Directors' Conference, Eastern Region, Cleveland, OH, 5 October 2006 (with Jianping Shen)

"Adding Authenticity to the Teaching of Middle and High School American History," Organization of American Historians Midwestern Regional Meeting, Lincoln, NE, 7 July 2006

**CONFERENCE PAPERS**

**Papers/Presentations, continued**

- Commentator: David M. Anderson, "Big Labor's Golden Age?: Labor-Management Conflict and Class Politics in the 1950s Midwestern Heartland," Newberry Library's Seminar on Labor History, Chicago, IL, 15 April 2005
- "A Brief History of Western Michigan University's Preparation of Secondary History Teachers," Focus on Teaching Session: "History Departments and Teacher Education: Past, Present, and Future," Organization of American Historians Conference, Boston, MA, 27 March 2004
- "Teaching History Through Technology," Michigan Council for History Education, Lansing, MI, 23 October 2003
- "Using the On-Line Census for Historical Research," Michigan Council for the Social Studies Conference, Grand Rapids, MI, 18 March 2003
- "Strengthening a Social Science Education Program Through a Collaborative Approach to a Teacher Work Sample Requirement," with Carol Yoder. American Association of Colleges of Teacher Education Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA, 25 January 2003
- "Critical Reading: Using Written Sources in History Classes," with David Memory and Kevin Bolinger. National Council for the Social Studies Great Lakes Regional Conference, Indianapolis, IN, 19 April 2002
- "Report on a Student Teaching Unit: An Alternative to Portfolios and Teacher Work Samples for Supplemental Assessment of Student Teaching," with David Memory, Susan Kiger, and Linda Damer. American Association of Colleges of Teacher Education Annual Meeting, New York, NY, 25 February 2002
- "Working with Arts and Sciences Faculty to Implement Standards-Based Assessment," with David Memory and Linda Damer. Association of Teacher Educators Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA, 19 February 2001
- "The Current State of Social Studies Program Revisions," Presenting the Past Conference, Indiana Council for History Education Biannual Meeting, Indianapolis, IN, 2 February 2001
- "Major Themes in the Economic, Cultural, and Environmental History of Iowa's Twentieth-Century Meatpacking Industry," Iowa History Forum, Des Moines, IA, 15 April 2000
- "Fallout from the Grudge Operation: The Impact of the John Morrell and Company's 1973 Plant Closing in Ottumwa, Iowa," North American Labor History Conference, Detroit, MI, 22 October 1999
- "Sixty Years of Historical Advice: The ICSS's Positions on Teaching Secondary History, 1939-1999," Indiana Council for the Social Studies Annual Convention, Indianapolis, IN, 12 March 1999
- "Using the Internet for Primary Source Research in Secondary History Classes," Indiana Association of Historians Annual Meeting, Indianapolis, IN, 5 March 1999
- "Benefits of the Lodge: Workers' Participation in the Greater Beneficial Union in Western Pennsylvania," North American Labor History Conference, Detroit, MI, 25 October 1997
- "The Nonunion Era at John Morrell and Company in Ottumwa, Iowa, 1877-1917," Iowa Heritage Expo, Des Moines, IA, 15 June 1996
- "Working-Class Identity, Internal Union Conflict, and the Limits of Social Democracy, 1945-1955," Organization of American Historians Conference, Chicago, IL, 29 March 1996
- "Unionism and the Democratic Party: Organized Labor's Impact on Iowa's Politics, 1945-1960," Northern Great Plains History Conference, Brandon, Manitoba, Canada, 30 September 1995
- "The Limits of Unionism in Midwestern Meatpacking Communities: Patterns of Internal Strife, 1945-1955," Center for the Study of Recent U.S. History Conference, Iowa City, IA, 15 April 1995
- "When 'Ottumwa went to the Dogs': The Final Years of the Morrell Meatpacking Plant, 1954-1973," Iowa Heritage Expo, Des Moines, IA, 10 June 1994
- "Fraternalism and Ethnicity: Using Ethnic Fraternalism to Examine the Development of German-American Communities, 1892-1930," Symposium for German-American Studies, University Park, PA, 15 April 1994
- "How to Team Teach Effectively," Japanese Exchange and Teaching Program, Mid-Year Block Conference, Karatsu, Japan, 8 January 1992
- "Patterns of Workers' Political Cultures: An Overview of Midwestern Meatpacking Communities, 1918-1945," Missouri Valley History Conference, Omaha, NE, 15 March 1991

**INVITED PRESENTATIONS**

- “Americans and Meat,” Berrien Springs Historical Association, Berrien Springs, MI, 12 March 2020
- “A Global History of Meat,” North Berrien Historical Museum, Coloma, MI, 21 May 2019
- “How Did Meat Become a Global Food?” University Center for the Humanities, Books and Beer Series, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI, 18 April 2019
- “How Did Meat Become a Global Food?” WMU Lee Honors College Lyceum Lecture Series: Food for All: Sustainable Practices, Community Access, and Nutrition,” 19 September 2018
- “Creating a Union Community: Lessons from the Past,” WMU-AAUP Contract Campaign Presentation, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI, 6 November 2013
- “Ottumwa’s Important Contributions to the Growth of Industrial America,” Horizon Lecture Series, Ottumwa Public Library, Ottumwa, Iowa, 5 July 2012
- “Globalizing Meat in the Twentieth Century,” Globalization Brown Bag, Haenicke Institute for Global Education, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI, 8 April 2011
- “Workers, Labor Unions, and the Making of Meat: Iowa’s History in a Global Context,” Richard E. Geiger Lecture, St. Ambrose University, Davenport, IA, 9 November 2010
- “Historical Thinking in a Digital World,” Illinois Council for the Social Studies Conference, Keynote Lecture with D. Antonio Cantu, Bradley University, Peoria, IL, 19 March 2010
- “Academic Life in the United States,” Pre-Departure Orientation Program, U.S. Graduate and Undergraduate Programs for Japanese Students, Sponsored by Fulbright Japan, Osaka International Convention Center, Osaka, Japan, 27 June 2009
- “Japan’s Meat History and Culture: Tentative Findings and Areas of Inquiry,” Graduate School of American Studies, Doshisha University, Kyoto, Japan, 16 June 2009
- “American Workers and Labor Unions,” Lecture Series: The United States: Its Present and Future, Tohoku Association for American Studies, Sendai, Japan, 14 February 2009
- “Why is the 2008 U.S. Presidential Election Important?” Kyoto-Shiga Fulbright Alumni Association, Kyoto, Japan, 26 October 2008
- History Education and Meatpacking Industry presentations for St. Ambrose University, Davenport, Iowa, 15-16 March 2007
- “Teaching American History Grant Initiatives in Michigan,” Michigan Council for History Education Conference, Lansing, MI, 24 October 2006
- “Teaching American History Grant Initiatives in Michigan,” Michigan Council for History Education Conference, Lansing, MI, 19 October 2005
- “Meatpacking’s Economic Impact on Rural Midwestern Communities during the Twentieth Century,” Second Annual Great Lakes Rural History Seminar, Newberry Library, Chicago, IL, 3 May 2003
- “Critical Reading: Using Written Sources in History and Other Content Areas.” (With David Memory) Sycamore Educators’ Day, Indiana State University, Terre Haute, IN 17 November 2001
- “What’s Hot in Social Studies Education?” (With Tom Balitewicz) Sycamore Educators’ Day, Indiana State University, Terre Haute, IN, 18 November 2000
- “What’s Hot in Social Studies Education?” (With Tom Balitewicz) Sycamore Educators’ Day, Indiana State University, Terre Haute, IN, 20 November 1999
- “Using the Internet for Primary Research in Social Science Classrooms,” Sycamore Educators’ Day, Indiana State University, Terre Haute, IN, 14 November 1998
- “Using *A People’s History of the United States*: Addressing Problems with Secondary-level History Instruction,” Teaching the People’s History: A Workshop with Howard Zinn, Indiana State University, Terre Haute, IN, 7 November 1998
- “Social Studies Education: Using the Internet in High School Social Studies Classrooms,” Sycamore Educators Day, Indiana State University, Terre Haute, IN, 28 March 1998
- “History of the Chautauqua,” Barnes County Historical Society Annual Meeting, Valley City, ND, 11 July 1996



**GRANTS AWARDED**

2024	Western Michigan University, University Assessment Committee Mini Grant P.I. for “Developing a Graduate Program Assessment Plan for the Department of History.” Total Grant Award: \$2,152.
2011	Western Michigan University, Diether H. Haenicke Institute for Global Education, International Education Faculty Development Fund Grant Total Grant Award: \$1,200
2009	U.S. Department of Education, Teaching American History Grant to: Kalamazoo Regional Educational Service Agency, Principal Investigator for Western Michigan University Department of History Faculty Members. Total Grant Award: \$998,675
2008	Faculty Research and Creative Activities Scholarship Fund, Western Michigan University. Total Grant Award: \$8,782
2007	U.S. Department of Education, Teaching American History Grant to: Kalamazoo Regional Educational Service Agency, Principal Investigator for Western Michigan University Department of History Faculty Members. Total Grant Award: \$982,445
2006	National Endowment for the Humanities, Landmarks of American History and Culture, The American Farm in U.S. History, Principal Faculty Member. Total Grant Award: \$250,000
2005	U.S. Department of Education, Teaching American History Grant to: Kalamazoo Regional Educational Service Agency, Principal Investigator for Western Michigan University Department of History Faculty Members. Total Grant Award: \$992,696
2003	U.S. Department of Education, Teaching American History Grant to: Kalamazoo Regional Educational Service Agency, Principal Investigator for Western Michigan University Department of History Faculty Members. Total Grant Award: \$986,135
2001	Indiana State University, Research Committee Grant. Total Grant Award: \$862
1998	Indiana State University, Research Committee Grant. Total Grant Award: \$2,100

**ACADEMIC AWARDS**

2023	Western Michigan University, College of Arts and Sciences, Faculty Achievement Award in Professional and Community Service
2010	Western Michigan University, College of Arts and Sciences, Faculty Achievement Award in Research and Creative Activity
2008	State Historical Society of Iowa, Benjamin F. Shambaugh Award for book judged as the best work on Iowa history in the preceding year
2008	J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board, Fulbright Teaching Award, Doshisha University, Kyoto, Japan
1998	State Historical Society of Iowa, Throne/Aldrich Award for article voted most outstanding in the <i>Annals of Iowa</i>
1995-1996	Iowa Sesquicentennial Research Award

**HISTORY EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HISTORY SERVICE**

2015-2003-2008,	Co-Coordinator, National History Day, District 6 Competition, Kalamazoo
2010-2015	National History Day, District and State Competition, Judge
1999-2006	Advanced Placement, U.S. History Exam, Reader
1997	Japan Exchange and Teaching (JET) Program, Consulate General of Japan: Kansas City, Interviewer
1987-1989	Greater Beneficial Union of Pittsburgh, Company Historian

## **TEACHING**

### **COURSES TAUGHT: Secondary School**

American History instructor, Grades 7 (Brighton, NY) and 9 (Iowa City, IA)  
Global Studies instructor, Grade 10 (Brighton, NY)  
English instructor, Grade 7 (Brighton, NY) and Grades 10-12 (Miyazaki, Japan)

### **COURSES TAUGHT: Undergraduate**

Western Michigan University:

- HIST4940: Teaching Methods for Secondary Schools
- HIST4370 (3251): American Working Class History
- HIST4245: American Food History and Culture
- HIST3105: The U.S. in the Global Era
- HIST3104: United States History, 1898-1945
- HIST3100: History as Mystery: Exploring Authentic Themes and Skills in U.S. History
- HIST3900: Introduction to the Study of History
- HIST2110: United States History since 1877

Indiana State University:

- Teaching Social Studies in Secondary Schools
- Interdisciplinary Perspectives in Teaching Secondary Social Studies
- Multicultural Studies for Teachers
- Cultural Area Studies for Teachers
- History of Modern Japan
- The United States' Atomic Age, 1945-present
- United States in Crisis, 1917-1945
- American Working Class Culture
- United States since 1865

Valley City State University:

- Social Science Methods
- World War II
- History of Modern Europe
- History of East Asia
- Historiography
- History of the United States since 1950
- History of the Civil War Era, 1850-1877
- History of American Labor and Business
- The American Presidency
- United States Constitution: Federalism
- United States Constitution: Civil Liberties
- North Dakota Indians and Multicultural Studies
- Native American Studies
- North Dakota Studies
- United States History, 1877-Present

Metropolitan State University:

- The American Past: 1865 to the Present

Normandale Community College:

- History of the United States, 1607-1815

## **TEACHING**

### **COURSES TAUGHT: Undergraduate, continued**

Kansas City Kansas Community College:

United States History to 1877

World Civilizations I

Johnson County Community College:

United States History since 1877

### **COURSES TAUGHT: Graduate**

Doshisha University:

American Food Culture and History

Native American History and Culture

American Working-Class History

Law and Society in America

Western Michigan University:

HIST5245: History Education in the United States

HIST6010: Historiography

HIST6500: Teaching American History (teachers' workshop)

HIST6080: American Working Class History

HIST6700: Theories and Methods in K-12 History Pedagogy

HIST6750: Research Seminar in Modern United States History

HIST6790: Teaching Methods for Secondary Schools

Indiana State University:

Improving Social Studies Instruction

Seminar in Social Science Education

Social Studies Curriculum

Readings in Social Science Education

The United States' Atomic Age, 1945-present

United States in Crisis, 1917-1945

Valley City State University:

Native American Workshop

## **UNDERGRADUATE AND GRADUATE STUDENTS SUPERVISED:**

Western Michigan University:

BA Senior or Honors Theses:

Tyler Wilson (2014); Kate Poweska (2013); Emilee Johnson (2012); John Quasarano (2008)

MA Committees (\*Supervising Professor):

\*Harrison Compton (2023); Nora Hafez (2022); \*Michelle DeVries (2020); Lindsey Schmidt (2016); Rachel Hekman (2016); Emilee Johnson (2015); \*Eric Denby (2015); Erik Freye (2014); \*Troy Bytwork (2014); \*John Beck (2013); Rex Hafer (2011); \*Ryan Walters (2008); Coreen Derifield (2005); Larry Lynn (2005); Karen Byrd (2005)

PhD Committees (\*Supervising Professor):

\*Tom Jesser (current); \*Kyle VanderWall (current); Jason Rose (2026); Coreen Derifield (Purdue University, 2012); Gordon Andrews (2011); Robert Duke (2008); Craig Korpela (2006)

**SERVICE**

**PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

Western Michigan University:

Co-Coordinator, District 6, National History Day in Michigan, 2015-present  
Promotion Reviewer: Robert Johnson, Department of History, University of Illinois at Chicago, 2013;  
Michael Marino, Department of History, The College of New Jersey, 2019; and Richard Hughes,  
Department of History, Illinois State University, 2021  
Contributing Editor, *Labor: Studies in Working-Class History of the Americas*, 2012-2015  
Task Force Member, Kalamazoo Public Schools' High School Reform Committee, 2007  
Past President, Michigan Council for History Education, 2007-2008  
President, Michigan Council for History Education, 2006-2007, 2025-2026  
U.S. History Reviewer, Social Studies Grade Level Content Editing Community,  
Michigan Department of Education, 2006 and 2014-2015  
President-Elect, Michigan Council for History Education, 2005-2006, 2024-2025  
Board Member, Michigan Council for History Education, 2002-present  
Council Member, Kazoo School, Kalamazoo, 2005-2007

Indiana State University:

Board Member, Indiana Council for the Social Studies, 2000-2002  
Board Member, Eugene V. Debs Foundation, 1999-2002  
Board Member, Indiana Council for History Education, 1998-2002  
U.S. History Advisory Committee and Writing Team, Indiana Dept. of Education, 2000-2001

**COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE**

Western Michigan University:

College Promotion Committee, Social Sciences Division, 2023-  
University Assessment Steering Committee, Arts and Sciences representative, 2019-2022  
Dunbar Hall Renovation Committee, 2019-2020  
Ad Hoc Faculty Senate Committee on General Education Logistics, 2017-2018  
Joint Committee on the Instructor and Course Evaluation System (ICES), 2014-2016  
Faculty Research and Creative Activities Award (FRACAA) Reviewer, 2013-2015  
Professional Educators Board Curriculum Review Committee, Voting  
Member, 2006-2008, 2011-2013  
WMU American Association of University Professors (WMU-AAUP) Chapter Vice-President, 2013-2014  
WMU-AAUP Chapter Secretary, 2025; 2013  
WMU-AAUP Chapter Peer Review Committee, 2012  
WMU-AAUP Chapter Step 2 Grievance Committee Review Board Chair, 2023  
WMU-AAUP Chapter Executive Board, College of Arts and Sciences representative,  
2024-2027; 2021 (substitute member); 2012-2013; Summer 2005 (substitute member)  
WMU-AAUP Association Council, Department Representative, 2021-2023; 2002-2013

Indiana State University:

Faculty Senate, 2000-2002  
Student Affairs Committee, 2001-2002  
Administrative Affairs Committee, 2000-2001  
School of Education Congress, 1998-2001  
Center for Economic Education, Advisory Board Member, 1997-1999  
Theodore Dreiser Research/Creativity Award Committee, 1999  
Teacher Education Committee, 1997-2000

**SERVICE**

**COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE, cont'd.**

Valley City State University:

Faculty Association and Senate, President, 1996-1997  
Faculty Association and Senate, Secretary-Treasurer, 1995-1996  
Fund for the Improvement of Post-Secondary Education, Advisory Council, 1994-1996  
Library Committee, 1994-1996  
Athletics Committee, 1994-1997

Normandale Community College:

Leadership and Educational Development Committee, 1993-1994

**DEPARTMENT SERVICE**

Western Michigan University:

Department Chair, 2016-2020  
Associate Department Chair, 2012-2016  
Promotion Committee, Chair, 2013-2014, 2022-2023, 2024-2025  
Tenure Committee, Chair, 2006-2007 and 2023-2024  
Executive Committee, Chair, 2007-2008 and 2010-2011  
Executive Committee, Member, 2003-2004 and 2022-2023  
Sabbatical, Workload and Evaluation Committee, Chair, 2009-2010  
Sabbatical, Workload and Evaluation Committee, Member, 2012-2013, 2023-2024  
Burnham Macmillan Endowment Committee, Chair, 2011-2016; *Ex-Officio*, 2016-2020  
Burnham Macmillan Endowment Committee, Member, 2008-2020  
Search Committee, Chair, History Education, 2007-2008  
Search Committee, Chair, World History/History Education, 2004-2005  
Tenure Committee, Member, 2004-present  
Promotion Committee, Member, 2008-present  
Assessment Committee, 2003-present  
NCATE Committee, Member, 2005-2007  
Events Committee, Member, 2004-2005  
Phi Alpha Theta, Faculty Advisor, 2002-2004  
Undergraduate Studies Committee, Member, 2002-2003; Fall 2024; *Ex Officio*, 2013-2020  
Graduate Studies Committee, *Ex Officio*, 2016-2020  
Advising Committee, 2011-2013, 2020-2021

Indiana State University:

Performance Pay Committee, Chair, 2001-2002  
Salary Committee, 1997-1998, 1999-2000, 2001-2002  
Curriculum Committee, 1997-2002  
Grievance Committee, 1997-1999  
Budget Committee, 1997-1998  
Search Committee, Member, U.S. Colonial, 1999-2000  
Search Committee, Member, Chair, 1998-1999  
Search Committee, Member, East Asia, 1998

**PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

Organization of American Historians (1984-present)  
American Historical Association (1988-present)  
American Association of University Professors (2002-present)  
Michigan Council for History Education (2002-present)