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EDUCATION

University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI

Ph.D. in History (A.B.D)

Anticipated 2010

Environmental and U.S. Western History; Health and Landscape

Dissertation: *From Last Resort to Curative Region:*

The Transformation of the Southwest, 1840 to 1940

- William Cronon and Susan L. Johnson, co-advisors
- Ph.D. Minor: History of Science and Medicine

University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI

M.A. in History

2004

Thesis: "Parsing People and Place: Social Stratification and Landscape Change in Hot Springs, Arkansas"

Hendrix College, Conway, AR

B.A. Honors in History, Summa Cum Laude

1999

Areas of Concentration: U.S. Women's and Labor History

Minor: Sociology

Honors Thesis: "You Can't Compromise with a Rattlesnake: The Causes and Consequences of the Jerome Deportation."

Oxford University, Oxford, England

1997-1998

Oxford Overseas Study Course of Hendrix College, St. Peter's College

SELECTED AWARDS

- Center for History, Culture, and the Environment, Research Travel Grant **2008**
- Office of the State Historian of New Mexico, Research Scholar **2008**
- Jacob K. Javits Fellowship, University of Wisconsin **2002 - 2007**
- Research and Travel Grant, Department of History, University of Wisconsin **2007**
- Vilas Travel Grant, University of Wisconsin-Madison **2007**
- Nelson Institute for Environmental Studies, Travel Grant, University of Wisconsin **2007**
- Early Excellence in Teaching Award, Department of History, University of Wisconsin **2006**
- Andrew Mellon Fellowship, University of Wisconsin **2001 - 2002**
- Richard E. Yates Prize for Outstanding Honors Thesis, Hendrix College **1999**
- President's Scholarship, Hendrix College **1995 - 1999**
- Arkansas Academic Challenge Grant, Hendrix College **1995 - 1999**

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI

Teaching Assistant – "American Environmental History." Professor William Cronon

Fall 2005-6

Developed syllabus and overall discussion section structure, and administered all grades. Collaborated on curriculum and exam development, met with individual students upon request, graded and guided all written work, including research papers.

Teaching Assistant – “American History: Civil War Era to the Present.” **Spring 2005**
 Developed syllabus and overall discussion section structure, and administered all grades. Created course exams, led review sessions, and designed written assignments.

Wisconsin Historical Society, Madison and Greenbush, WI **2000-01**

Education Consultant – Herrling Sawmill, Wisconsin Historical Society
 Created an interpretive guide for docents at Wade House Historic Site. Designed interactive visitor experience, including a tour for student groups. Focused on Wisconsin environmental and labor history. <http://www.wisconsinhistory.org/wadehouse/sawmill.asp>

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

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| • Review, “James W. Hulse, Nevada’s Environmental Legacy: Progress or Plunder” in <i>The Southwestern Historical Quarterly</i> | Forthcoming |
| • “Nature’s Sanitarium: Getting Well in New Mexico.” <i>New Mexico Office of the State Historian</i> ;
http://www.newmexicohistory.org/filedetails.php?fileID=22210 | 2009 |
| • “Alice Hamilton.” <i>The Encyclopedia of American Environmental History</i> . | 2007 |
| • “Overland Travel.” <i>The Encyclopedia of American Environmental History</i> . | |
| • “Race Riots.” <i>The Encyclopedia of American Environmental History</i> . | |
| • “Typhoid.” <i>The Encyclopedia of American Environmental History</i> . | |
| • “John Muir.” <i>The Encyclopedia of Environment and Society</i> . | |
| • “Nature’s Sanitarium: Health and Landscape in the Southwest;” Panel: <i>Landscapes of Renewal, Landscapes of Degeneration: Bodies and Environment in Postbellum America</i> ; American Society for Environmental History | 2009 |
| • Lecture, Center for Southwest Research, “The Role of Health in Shaping Perceptions of the Southwest,” Office of the State Historian | 2008 |
| • Southwest/Texas Popular Culture and American Culture Associations | 2008 |
| o Cultural Perspectives on Science and Medicine; “The Living Dead in the Desert: Healthseekers and the History of the Southwest” | |
| o Food and Culture; “Healthseekers and the Popularization of Southwestern Food” | |
| • “Into the Wild;” Montana State University and University of Wisconsin Joint Conference, National Science Foundation: Dissertation Proposal Workshop | 2007 |
| • “Spit and Quarantine: Region and Health in Southern California, 1870-1900,” History of Science Colloquium, University of Wisconsin | 2003 |

SELECTED COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

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| <i>My Sustainable Campus</i> , www.mysustainablecampus.blogspot.com
Sustainability in Higher Education Blog; Designer and Blogger | 2008-present |
| <i>League of Women Voters, Washington County</i>
Programs and Voter Services | 2008-present |
| <i>Fayetteville Community Garden Coalition</i>
Steering Committee Member | 2008-present |
| <i>Quann Park Community Gardens</i>
Founding Member | 2001 – 2006 |
| <i>Bram’s Addition Neighborhood Association</i>
Member, Grant-Writer, Organizer | 2001 – 2006 |
| <i>Election Protection Coalition, Milwaukee, WI and Poll Worker, Madison, WI</i>
Volunteer | 2004 – 2006 |

<i>NeighborNation.Net, Bram's Addition Neighborhood Association</i> Moderator	2005 – present
<i>Boys and Girls Club of Dane County</i> Volunteer	2001 – 2006
<i>Botanical Garden of the Ozarks</i> Volunteer	2007 – present

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- Western History Association
- American Society of Environmental History
- Center for Culture, History, and Environment at the University of Wisconsin
- Teaching Assistants' Association, UW-Madison
- American Historical Association
- Shiloh Museum of Ozark History

Please contact for references.