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Curriculum Vitae

Education

Ph.D., History, University of California, Berkeley (2000)

Dissertation: "Petroleum Polity: Law and Politics in the California Oil Economy, 1900-1940"

* **2001 W. Turrentine Jackson Award, American Historical Association-Pacific Coast Branch**

M.A., History, University of California, Berkeley (1994)

B.A., History & Studies in the Environment, Yale College (1992)

Academic Positions

Professor, Department of History, Yale University (2016-)

Associate Professor, Department of History, Yale University (2013-2016)

Assistant Professor, Department of History, Yale University (2008-2013)

Lecturer, Department of History, Yale University (1999-2000, 2002-2004)

Visiting Scholar, Whitney Humanities Center and Yale Law School (2001-2002)

Harvard-Newcomen Postdoctoral Fellow, Harvard Business School (2000-2001)

Charles P. Howland Fellow, based in Quito, Ecuador (1992-1993)

Other Experience

Founding Executive Director, Environmental Leadership Program (1999-2008)

Part-time 1999-2004; full-time May 2004-July 2008

- Created national training program for emerging environmental leaders from higher education, nonprofits, businesses, and government.
- Raised over \$4 million (Hewlett, Goldman, Mott, Cummings, Surdna foundations, etc.)
- Hired and supervised eight-person staff.
- Held more than two-dozen educational workshops, meetings, and conferences.

Books

"Public Citizens: Ralph Nader, the Environmental Crusade, and the Remaking of American Liberalism" (work in progress)

The Bet: Paul Ehrlich, Julian Simon, and Our Gamble over Earth's Future (New Haven: Yale University Press, 2013; Audiobook 2013; Paperback 2014; complex Chinese lang. transl., 2015; simplified Chinese lang. transl., forthcoming).

"Best Science Books of 2013," *New Scientist*

"Best Books I Read in 2013," Bill Gates, www.gatesnotes.com

"Great Summer Reads," Nature Conservancy *Science Blog*

“Top 10 Business Books of 2013,” World Economic Forum *Forum:Blog*
“Favorite Books of 2013” *Bloomberg News* (Daniel Yergin selection)

Reviewed in *New York Review of Books*, *Chronicle of Higher Education*, *Nature*, *New Scientist*, *Wall Street Journal*, *Atlantic Monthly*, *American Historical Review*, *Journal of American History*, *Environmental History*, *Pacific Historical Review*, *Journal of Interdisciplinary History*, *H-Environment Roundtable*, *BioScience*, *Reason*, *Weekly Standard*, *Population and Development Review*, *Chemistry and Industry*, *Governance*, *Choice*, *Cosmos*, *Anthem Environmental Reviews*, *AAG Review*, *Energy Law Journal*, *Risk Analysis*, *Time*, *Publisher’s Weekly* (starred), etc.

Crude Politics: The California Oil Market, 1900-1940 (Berkeley: University of California Press, 2005).

Reviewed in *American Historical Review*, *Business History Review*, *Environmental History*, *Enterprise and Society*, *Environment and History*, *Environmental Politics*, *H-Net Roundtable*, *Journal of American History*, *Journal of the West*, *Pacific Historical Review*, and *Reviews in American History*.

Journal Articles (peer-reviewed)

“‘Everything has a Price’: Jimmy Carter and the Struggle for Balance in Federal Regulatory Policy,” *Journal of Policy History* 28:1 (January 2016), 1-47.

“Environmental Law and the End of the New Deal Order,” *Law and History Review* 33: 4 (November 2015): 965-1003.

“Crisis and Continuity in United States Oil Politics, 1965-1980,” *Journal of American History* 99:1 (June 2012): 177-186.

“‘The Ultimate Environmental Dilemma’: Making a Place for Historians in the Climate Change and Energy Debates,” *Environmental History* 15:1 (January 2010): 76-93.

“A Dive into Nature’s Great *Grab-bag*: Nature, Gender and Capitalism in the Early Pennsylvania Oil Industry,” *Pennsylvania History* 66:4 (Fall 1999): 472-505.

* **2001 Robert G. Crist Pennsylvania History Prize, Pennsylvania Historical Association.**

“Searching for Middle Ground: Native Communities and Oil Extraction in the Northern and Central Ecuadorian Amazon, 1967-1993,” *Environmental History* 3 (April 1998): 144-168.

“Home and Abroad: The Two ‘Wests’ of Twentieth-Century United States History,” *Pacific Historical Review* 66 (August 1997): 305-335.

* **1998 Ray Allen Billington Award, Western Historical Association**

* **1997 W. Turrentine Jackson Prize, American Historical Association-Pacific Coast Branch**

“Voices from the Hydrocarbon Frontier: Canada’s Mackenzie Valley Pipeline Inquiry (1974-1977),” *Environmental History Review* 19 (Spring 1995): 17-48.

Other Articles and Book Chapters

“Rooting Around in Search of Causality,” *Environmental History* 10:1 (January 2005): 83-85.

“Beaches versus Oil in Greater Los Angeles,” in William Devereil and Greg Hise, eds., *Land of Sunshine: An Environmental History of Los Angeles*. Pittsburgh: University of Pittsburgh, 2005.

“High Tide of Equal Protection: Justice Raymond L. Sullivan's Opinions in *Serrano* and *Westbrook*,” *The California Supreme Court Historical Society Yearbook* 2 (1995): 133-157.

Book Reviews, Encyclopedia Entries, and Reports

Author’s Response, H-Net Roundtable on *The Bet*, September 2014.

Review of Timothy Cain, *Mass Destruction: The Men and Giant Mines that Wired America and Scarred the Planet*,” *Western Historical Quarterly*, 42:1 (Spring 2011): 90-91.

“Political Challenges Related to Achieving Emissions Reductions in the State of California: A Historical Perspective,” California Climate Change Policy Workshop, Stanford University, 2006.

“Global Warming,” in Stanley Kutler, ed., *Dictionary of American History*, 3rd Edition. New York: Charles Scribner’s Sons, 2003.

Review of J. Cone and S. Ridlington, eds., *The Northwest Salmon Crisis: A Documentary History*, *Western Historical Quarterly* 28 (1996): 95-96.

Review, of Douglas Murray, *Cultivating Crisis: The Human Cost of Pesticides in Latin America*,” *Capitalism, Nature, Socialism* 6: 4 (1995): 127-29.

General Interest Essays

“Q&A With Paul Sabin: Dialogues on the Environment,” *Huffington Post*, 11 December 2013.

“Lessons From a Famous Bet,” *New York Times Economix Blog*, 30 September 2013.

“Want to Bet? We’re Gambling over Earth’s Future. What Should the Betting Terms Be?” *Slate*, 12 September 2013.

“The Big Idea: Can Innovation Save Us?” *The Daily Beast*, 6 September 2013.

“\$1000 Question: Did the Population Bomb Ever Explode?” *Grist Magazine*, 9 September 2013.

“Betting on the Apocalypse,” *New York Times* (Sunday Review), 7 September 2013.

“The Decline of Republican Environmentalism,” *Boston Globe*, 31 August 2013.

“From King Coal to Carbon Tax: A Historical Perspective on the Energy and Climate-Change Debate,” *Solutions Journal*, May 2011.

“Before the Big Spill,” *Slate*, 7 May 2010.

“Earth Day: The Environmental Movement’s Midlife Crisis,” *Slate*, 21 April 2005.

“Playing the Market: Free Markets Don't Exist and They Never Could," *Legal Affairs*, November/December 2004, 25-27.

“For the Budget Conscious: Cheap Oil Isn't Worth the Price,” *Chicago Tribune*, 27 May 2004, 29.

“Yes, Oil is Too Expensive - for Security, Environment,” *Sacramento Bee*, 4 April 2004.

“Environmental Leadership Program,” *Grist Magazine*, 12 August 2002.

“Keep Those Gas Prices High,” *Boston Globe*, 27 June 2000, A15.

Grants and Fellowships

Samuel and Ronnie Heyman Prize, Yale University (2016)

Poorvu Family Award for Interdisciplinary Teaching, Yale University (2014)

Griswold Fund Award, Whitney Humanities Center, Yale University (2013)

Frederick W. Hilles Publication Fund Grant, Yale University (2012)

Morse Fellowship in the Humanities, Yale University (2010-2011)

Griswold Fund Award, Whitney Humanities Center, Yale University (2010)

Edward J. and Dorothy Clarke Kempf Fund, MacMillan Center, Yale University (2009-2010)

Harvard-Newcomen Postdoctoral Fellowship, Harvard Business School (2000-2001)

Mellon Foundation Dissertation Fellowship, University of California, Berkeley (1998-1999)

Historical Society of Southern California/Hayes Foundation Research Stipend (1998)

Dissertation Research Grant (3 year): Minerals Management Service- University of California, Southern California Educational Initiative (1996-1999)

Dissertation Research Grant (1 year): University of California Energy Institute: California Energy Studies Program (1996-1997)

W.M. Keck and Fletcher Jones Foundation Fellowship, Huntington Library (1996-1997)

Jacob K. Javits Fellowship, U.S. Department of Education (1995-1996, declined 1996-1998)

Charles P. Howland Fellowship (based in Quito, Ecuador), Yale University (1992-1993)

Conferences Organized or Co-organized

“New Perspectives on Environmental History,” Northeast Environmental History Conference, New Haven, CT, *upcoming*, 22 April 2017.

“New Perspectives on Environmental History,” Northeast Environmental History Conference, New Haven, CT, 18 April 2015.

“New Perspectives on Environmental History,” Northeast Environmental History Conference, New Haven, CT, 12 April 2014.

“Two Kingdoms: New Perspectives on Flora and Fauna in Environmental History,” Northeast Environmental History Conference, New Haven, CT, 14 April 2012.

“Resources: Endowment or Curse, Better or Worse?” Economic History Program and Environmental History at Yale, New Haven, CT, 24-25 February 2012.

“Creating Healthy Landscapes: Human and Environmental Well-being in Comparative and Historical Perspective,” Northeast Environmental History Conference, New Haven, CT, 26 March 2011.

“Social Conflict and Environmental Change in Comparative and Historical Perspective,” Northeast Environmental History Conference, New Haven, CT, 17 April 2010.

“Emerging Leaders, Emerging Solutions: Taking Action on Climate Change and Global Warming,” Environmental Leadership Program, Newark, NJ, 10-12 July 2007.

“Food vs. Fuel: Is Biofuels Production from Farms Jeopardizing Our Food Security,” Environmental Leadership Program, Tufts University, Medford, MA, 13 October 2007.

“Conservation, Environmental Justice and Resource Rights: Tensions and Overlaps,” Environmental Leadership Program, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, 21 October 2006.

Public Presentations

Presentations related to *The Bet* (2011 – 2015)

Invited Presentations: “The Bet: Our Gamble over Earth’s Future”

University of Colorado-Boulder, 29 May 2015.

Peabody Museum, New Haven, CT, 9 April 2015.

Yale-NUS College, Singapore, 11 March 2015.

Columbia University Society of Fellows, 19 February 2015.

Wellesley College, 5 November 2014 (Inaugural Betsy Wood Knapp ’64 Lecture).

University of Michigan, 12 May 2014 (Keynote Address, Abrams Sustainability Seminar).

Carnegie Mellon University, 17 April 2014.

Google, Mountain View, 12 March 2014 (Authors@Google)

Facebook, Menlo Park, 12 March 2014.

Manhattan College, New York City, 9 October 2013.

Interviews on *The Bet*:

The Mark Steiner Show, 26 August 2014.

EconTalk Podcast, 10 February 2014 (hour-long show).

Green Sense Radio Show, 9 February 2014.

Dennis Prager Show, 10 December 2013.

Talk of the Town with Larry Rifkin, Connecticut Public Radio, 7 October 2013.

Ideas on the Edge, KFCF Radio, 20 December 2013.

ReMapping Debate, 6 November 2013.
MacMillan Report, 30 October 2013.
Where We Live, Connecticut WNPR, 7 October 2013 (hour-long show).
Lou Dobbs Tonight, 17 September 2013.
David Boze Show, 12 September 2013.
This Green Earth, 10 September 2013.
CSPAN AfterWords, 7 September 2013 (hour-long show).

“A Bet on the Future of Humanity,” NPR’s *Planet Money*, Podcast Episode #508, 8 January 2014.

“A Bet, Five Metals And The Future Of The Planet” NPR’s *Morning Edition*, 2 January 2014.

“The Bet: Paul Ehrlich, Julian Simon, and the Gamble Over Earth’s Future,” American Historical Association Annual Meeting, 4 January 2013.

“The Conservative Response to Limits to Growth and 1970s Environmentalism,” American Society for Environmental History Conference, Madison, WI, 30 March 2012.

“Betting the Future: Population Growth and Resource Scarcity Debates in the 1970s,” MIT Seminar on Environmental and Agricultural History, Cambridge, MA, 29 April 2011.

Presentations on Environmental and Energy History (2008-2015)

“Environmental Law and the End of the New Deal Order,” Beyond the New Deal Order Conference, University of California, Santa Barbara, 26 September 2015.

Roundtable Participant, “Carbon and Its Discontents: The Futures of Energy History,” Harvard University, 8 May 2015.

“Making a Place for Historians in the Climate and Energy Debates,” Brown University, 1 October 2014.

Roundtable Participant, “Environmental Leadership and Biography,” School of Forestry and Environmental Studies, Yale University, 28 August 2014.

“‘Curbing an Industrial Civilization’s Abuse of Nature’: Environmental Law During the 1970s,” American Society for Environmental History, San Francisco, 13 March 2014.

“State of the Field: Environmental History,” Organization of American Historians Annual Meeting, 12 April 2013.

“Energy Politics,” Boston University Seminar on Energy Transitions, 28 January 2011

Roundtable Participant, “Has the Environmental Movement Left the Right?” Yale Environmental Law Association, Yale University, 14 December 2011.

Roundtable Participant, “Petroleum and the Gulf of Mexico: Perspectives from History,” American Society for Environmental History Conference, Phoenix, AZ, 14 April 2011.

“Oil in America,” Modern America Workshop, Princeton University, 20 October 2010.

"The Ultimate Environmental Dilemma: Historians and Climate Change," *History for the Future*, 23 July 2010.

"Climate Change and the Energy Crisis," American Society for Environmental History, Portland, OR, 13 April 2010.

Invited Presentations: "Climate and Energy Policy: Lessons from History"
West Campus Energy Symposium, Yale University, 27 February 2010.
Hopkins High School, 4 February 2010.
Milton Academy (Heyburn Lecture), 16 December 2009.
Yale Institute for Biospheric Studies, Yale University, 23 October 2009.
League of Women Voters of New Haven, 7 May 2009.
University of Southern California, 10 February 2009.
University of California, Berkeley School of Law, 9 February 2009.
World Fellows Hot Issues, Yale University, 19 September 2008.

"Climate Change and the Energy Crisis: Lessons From History," *Macmillan Report*, 20 May 2009.

"Energy Politics," American Wind Energy Association, 11 July 2008.

Select Presentations pre-2008

"Historical Perspectives on Law, Politics, and Energy," California Climate Change Policy Workshop, Sacramento, CA, 19 May 2006.

"The Place of Engaged Scholarship in Graduate Education," Campus Compact 2002 National Summit, Providence, RI, 8 November 2002.

"Environmental Historians and Their Publics," Environmental Leadership Program Workshop, American Society for Environmental History Conference, Denver, CO, 23 March 2002.

"New Voices in Environmental Leadership," Consultative Group on Biological Diversity, Santa Barbara, CA, June 2001.

"Diversity in Environmental Organizations," Western Roundup, Walter and Flora Hewlett Foundation, Los Angeles, CA, May 2001.

"Home and Abroad: The Two 'Wests' of Twentieth-Century United States History," Western History Association Conference, St. Paul, MN, 17 October 1997.

"Petroleum Polity: An Environmental History of Government, Politics and the California Oil Economy," Energy and Resources Group, Environmental History Series, University of California, Berkeley, 29 April 1997.

"'Transportation by Taxation': User Financing and the 'Public' Highways in California, 1923-1938" American Society for Environmental History Conference, Baltimore, MD, 8 March 1997.

"Conditions of Extraction: Native Responses to the Oil Industry in Ecuador, 1960s-1990s," American Society for Environmental History Conference, Las Vegas, NV, 10 March 1995.

Chair, Commentator, Moderator (2008-2016)

Commentator, “Roundtable on *Panic at the Pump*,” Policy History Conference, 3 June 2016.

Commentator, “Energy Frontiers in the Late 20th Century,” American Society for Environmental History Conference, Seattle, WA, 2 April March 2016.

Commentator, “Business Responses to Environmental Regulation,” Business History Conference, Portland, OR, 1 April March 2016.

Commentator, “Pipe Dreams: Aspirations and Impacts of Oil Transport during the Cold War,” American Historical Association Conference, Atlanta, GA, 9 January 2016

Discussant, “Neil Maher: Shooting (from) the Moon: NASA, Nature, and the New Left during the Vietnam War,” Agrarian Studies Colloquium, Yale University, 4 September 2014.

Commentator and Chair, “Energy Flows and Social Power,” American Society for Environmental History Conference, Madison, WI, 29 March 2012.

Moderator, “Comparative Perspectives on Resources and Governance,” “Resources: Endowment or Curse, Better or Worse” Conference, Yale University, 25 February 2012.

Commentator, “The Role of Climate Change in Environmental Restoration,” American Society for Environmental History Conference, Phoenix, AZ, 14 April 2011.

Panelist, “Earth Days,” Environmental Film Festival, Yale University, 18 April 2009.

Moderator, “Leopold's Evolving, Emerging Place in American Environmental History” Aldo Leopold Graduation Centennial Celebration, Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies, 3 April 2009.

Discussant, “David Ekbladh: ‘Liberalism’s Spine: ‘Modernization’ to meet the Challenge of Totalitarianism, 1933–1944” Agrarian Studies Colloquium, Yale University, 30 January 2009.

Courses Taught (2008-2016)

American Environmental History (undergraduate U.S. survey course, pre-colonial to present)

Energy in American History (undergraduate seminar)

United States Global Resource Frontiers (undergraduate seminar)

1970s Environmental Law and Politics (undergraduate seminar)

Environmental Studies Senior Colloquium (undergraduate seminar)

Readings in Environmental History (graduate seminar)

Energy in American History (graduate seminar)

Graduate orals fields in United States and global environmental history

University, Professional, and Public Service (2008-2015)

Director of Undergraduate Studies, Yale College Environmental Studies (2009-10, 2011-12, 2014-)

Faculty Coordinator, Yale Environmental History (2009-)

Affiliated Faculty Member

History of Science and History of Medicine, Yale University (2010-)

American Studies, Yale University (2010-)

Member, Climate and History Initiative, Yale University (2014-)

Member, Teaching and Learning Committee, Yale College (2015-2016)

Member, Advisory Committee

Environmental Studies Major, Yale University (2008-)

Agrarian Studies Program, Yale University (2014-)

Energy Studies Program, Yale University (2014-)

Climate and Energy Initiative, Yale University (2009-2010)

Member, Board of Trustees, Environmental Leadership Program (2008-)

Member, Board of Directors, New Haven Youth Soccer (2014-)

Member, Fellowship Review Committee

Environmental Studies Summer Fellowship, Yale University (2009, 2010, 2012, 2015, 2016)

Rice/Howland Fellowship Program, Yale University (2009, 2010)

Graduate Admissions Committee Member

Department of History, United States History, Yale University (2010, 2014)

American Studies, Yale University (2013)

Member, Undergraduate Studies/Curriculum Committee, History, Yale University, (2012-13)

Manuscript and Proposal Referee or Reviewer: *Journal of American History*, *Environmental History*, *Pacific Historical Review*, *Journal of Policy History*, *Louisiana History*, University of Georgia Press, University of Pennsylvania Press, and National Science Foundation.