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Curriculum Vita—Updated August 2020

EDUCATION

Ph.D., History, Rice University, 2014
MA, American History, James Madison University, 2009
BA, History, Grove City College, 2007

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Assistant Professor of History, Texas A&M-Commerce, 2015-present
Lecturer, Middle Tennessee State University, 2014-2015

REFEREED PUBLICATIONS

Monographs

2018 *Bulldozer Revolutions: A Rural History of the Metropolitan South*, University of Georgia Press, Environmental History and the American South Series

Journal Articles/Book Chapters

2019 "Risk, Doubt, and the Biological Control of Southern Waters," *Environmental History* 24, No. 2 (April 2019): 327-50; winner of the Leopold-Hidy prize, American Society for Environmental History.

 "Suburban Strife and the Perils of Municipal Incorporation in Texas," In *Lone Star Suburbs: Life on the Texas Metropolitan Frontier*, edited by Paul J.P. Sandul and M. Scott Sosebee, 68-94. Norman: University of Oklahoma Press, 2019.

 "American Hero, Confederate Idol: Consul-General Fitzhugh Lee and the Limits of Sectional Reconciliation," *Virginia Magazine of History and Biography* 127, No. 1 (2019): 42-68.

2017 "Metropolitan Growth along the Nation's River: Power, Waste and Environmental Politics in a Northern Virginia County, 1943-1971," *Journal of Urban History* 43, No. 5 (September 2017): 703-19.

2014 "From Rural South to Metropolitan Sunbelt: Creating a Cowboy Identity in the Shadow of Houston," *Southwestern Historical Quarterly* 118, No. 1 (July 2014): 1-22; winner of the Michael P. Malone Award, Western History Association.

2013 "Race and Romantic Agrarianism: The Transnational Roots of Clarence Poe's Crusade for Rural Segregation in North Carolina," *Agricultural History* 87, No. 1 (Winter 2013): 93–114; winner of the Everett E. Edwards Award, Agricultural History Society.

PROJECTS

Monographs:

Ongoing *Ruin and Restoration in the Cotton South*

Ongoing *An Elemental Contaminant: Arsenic Remediation from Copper Mines to Cotton Fields*

Oral/Public History Projects:

2017-2018 Supervisor, Desegregating East Texas State University Project: Graduate oral history project conducted in cooperation with Special Collections and University Archives, Gee Library, Texas A&M University-Commerce.

2015-2018 Supervisor, East Texas War and Memory Project: Undergraduate oral history project conducted in cooperation with Special Collections and University Archives, Gee Library, Texas A&M University-Commerce.

ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

Panels Organized

2018 "Chemicals in the Land: Harvesting the South's Green Revolution," Southern Historical Association annual meeting

2014 "Whitening the Harvest: Race, Agriculture, and Identity in the Twentieth-Century Rural South," Southern Historical Association annual meeting

2012 "Contested Visions of Rural Development and the Post-World War II American State," Agricultural History Society annual meeting

Papers Presented

2019 "Southern Desiccation: Arsenic Contamination from Factory to Cotton Field," Agricultural Historical Society annual meeting

2018 "Factories for the Fields: Agrochemicals and Environmental Justice in East Texas," Southern Historical Association annual meeting

2017 "Rachel Carson's Unlikely Disciples: Texas Real Estate Developers and the Battle against Hydrilla," Texas State Historical Association annual meeting

"Rachel Carson's Unlikely Disciples: Texas Real Estate Developers and the Battle against Hydrilla," Southern Forum on Agricultural, Rural, and Environmental History

2016 "Beautifying the Land in Spite of its People: Lessons from Modern Rural Reform in the American South," Biennial Conference on Faith and History

- 2015 "Encroaching on Suburban Nature: Rural Politics, Development, and the Floodplains of East Texas," Southern Forum on Agricultural, Rural, and Environmental History
- 2014 "Cotton Fields to Cowboys: Southern Justice and Western Identity in East Texas," Southern Historical Association annual meeting
- "Industrial Development in Washington's Backyard: Up the Potomac without a Paddle," The Virginia Forum; winner of the Virginia Forum Graduate Paper Prize.
- 2013 "From Piney Woods to Pinewood Estates: Suburban Sprawl and the formation of an Exurban South, 1962–1980," Southern Forum on Agricultural, Rural, and Environmental History
- "The Bulldozer in Mosby's Confederacy: Local History, Preservation, and the Fight against Sprawl in Loudoun County, Virginia," The Virginia Forum
- 2012 "From Ranchland to Suburban Retreat: Rural Politics, Metropolitan Expansion, and the Building of Lake Conroe in Montgomery County, Texas 1958–1980," Agricultural History Society annual meeting
- 2010 "The International Roots of a White Rural Utopia: Clarence Poe and the Crusade for Rural Segregation in North Carolina," Agricultural History Society annual meeting

Commenting

- 2016 "Commodity Flows into and out of the American South," Atlantic Environments and the American South Conference, Rice University, Houston, Texas

Roundtables

- 2015 Panelist, "Why Rural History Matters: An East Texas Rural History Roundtable," East Texas Historical Society annual meeting

Invited Lectures

- 2019 "Copper and Cotton Fields," Audie Murphy/American Cotton Museum Lunch Break Special
- 2018 "Risk, Doubt, and the Biological Control of Sothern Waters," Biological and Environmental Sciences Department Brownbag Seminar, TAMU-C
- 2017 "Teaching Southern History through Cotton," Cotton Symposium, Greenville, Texas
- 2016 "What Levitt Leaves Out: Revisiting Postwar Suburban Development," Professional Development Lecture, CHSSA, TAMU-C

Interviews

- 2019 Discussion of *Bulldozer Revolutions*, *New Books Network-Environmental Studies*, October 18, 2019, <https://newbooksnetwork.com/andrew-c-baker-bulldozer-revolutions-a-rural-history-of-the-metropolitan-south-u-georgia-press-2018/>

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- 2019 Mary M. Hughes Research Fellowship in Texas History, Texas State Historical Association
- 2018 Faculty Research Award, History Department, Texas A&M University-Commerce
- 2013 Ottis Lock Research Grant, East Texas Historical Society
John H. Daniels Research Fellow, The National Sporting Library and Museum, Middleburg, Virginia
- 2012 Ewing Research Travel Grant, Rice University
- 2010 Southern Historical Association Summer Editorial Internship

AWARDS AND HONORS

- 2020 Leopold-Hidy prize, American Society for Environmental History. Given annually to the best article published in *Environmental History*.
- 2019 Augustine "Chuck" Arize Junior Faculty Award, TAMU-C
Honors Teacher of the Year, Honors College, TAMU-C
- 2018 Excellence in Teaching Award, National Society of Leadership and Success, TAMU-C chapter
- 2015 Michael P. Malone Award, Western History Association. Given biennially, for the best article on state, provincial, or territorial history in North America appearing in a periodical publication.
- 2014 Dissertation awarded the Captain Charles Septimus Longcope Award, Rice University History Department
Virginia Forum Graduate Paper Prize
- 2012 Everett E. Edwards Award, best graduate student paper submitted to *Agricultural History* in 2011.

INVITED CONTRIBUTIONS

- 2019 "Bush, Barbara Pierce." *Handbook of Texas Online*. Texas State Historical Association. (<https://tshaonline.org/handbook/online/articles/fbubr>).
- 2019 "Western Loudoun and the Metropolitan Fringe," blog post for *The Metropole*, Urban History Association, February 20, 2019, themetropole.blog/2019/02/20/western-loudoun-and-the-metropolitan-fringe/

BOOK REVIEWS

- 2019 *Smarter Growth: Activism and Environmental Policy in Metropolitan Washington*. By John H. Spiers in *Journal of Southern History* 85, No. 3 (August 2019): 753-54.
- 2018 *Power Moves: Transportation, Politics, and Development in Houston*. By Kyle Shelton in *Southwestern Historical Quarterly* 122 (July 2018): 129-130.

- Caesar Kleberg and the King Ranch*. By Duane M. Leach in *Southwestern Historical Quarterly* 121 (January 2018): 351-352.
- 2017 *Shantytown, USA: Forgotten Landscapes of the Working Poor*. By Lisa Goff in *The Register of the Kentucky Historical Society* 115 (Spring 2017): 298-99.
- 2016 *The 4-H Harvest: Sexuality and the State in Rural America*. By Gabriel N. Rosenberg in *Journal of Southern History* 82 (November 2016): 958-959.
- Border Sanctuary: The Conservation Legacy of the Santa Ana Land Grant*. By M. J. Morgan in *Southwestern Historical Quarterly* 120 (July 2016): 124-125.
- Unruly Waters: A Social and Environmental History of the Brazos River*. By Kenna Lang Archer in *Southwestern Historical Quarterly* 119 (April 2016): 433-434.
- 2015 *Backwater Blues: The Mississippi Flood of 1927 in the African American Imagination*. By Richard M. Mizelle, Jr. in *Agricultural History* 89 (Fall 2015): 625-626.
- Beyond Forty Acres and a Mule: African American Landowning Families since Reconstruction*. Edited by Debra A. Reid and Evan P. Bennett in *North Carolina Historical Review* 42 (July 2015): 15-16.
- Cotton: The Fabric that Made the Modern World*. By Giorgio Riello in *South Carolina Historical Magazine* 116 (April 2015): 158-159.
- 2014 *Where the Cherry Tree Grew: The Story of Ferry Farm, George Washington's Boyhood Home*. By Philip Levy in *Journal of Southern History* 81 (February 2015): 167-68.
- 2013 *Dispossession: Discrimination against African American Farmers in the Age of Civil Rights*. By Pete Daniel in *North Carolina Historical Review* 90 (October 2013): 433-35.
- Wild Horse Annie: Velma Johnston and Her Fight to Save the Mustang*, by Alan J. Kania in *Southwestern Historical Quarterly* 117 (October 2013): 225-26.
- 2012 *Conserving Southern Longleaf: Herbert Stoddard and the Rise of Ecological Land Management*, by Albert G. Way in *Georgia Historical Quarterly* 46 (Winter 2012): 464-467.
- Boll Weevil Blues: Cotton, Myth, and Power in the American South*, by James C. Giesen in *Georgia Historical Quarterly* 46 (Fall 2012): 349-352

TEACHING

- 2015-present Assistant Professor, Texas A&M University-Commerce
 Instructor: Survey of United States History II
 Survey of United States History II (Honors)
 Forrest Gump's America (Honors)
 Twentieth Century United States
 East Texas War and Memory Internship
 Historical Geography
 Environmental History

Oral History Theory and Methods (undergraduate and graduate)
Introduction to Public History (undergraduate and graduate)
Metropolitan America
The Sunbelt: A 20th Century American Region
Colloquium in U.S. Post 1920 (graduate)
King Cotton and His Realm (graduate)
Historical Research Methods (graduate)

- 2014-2015 Lecturer, Middle Tennessee State University
 Instructor: Survey of United States History I
 Survey of United States History II
 Tennessee History
- 2013-2014 Adjunct Professor of History, James Madison University
 Instructor: Critical Issues in Recent Global History
 U.S. History Survey (online)
- 2012 Bruce Dunlevie Teaching Fellow, Rice University
 Instructor: Suburbanizing the Countryside: A United States History
- Adjunct Professor of History, University of St. Thomas
 Instructor: United States History, 1877–Present.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- 2018-present Editorial Board, *Agricultural History*
- 2015-2019 H. Bailey Carroll Award Committee, Texas State Historical Association (Chair, 2016-19)
- 2014-2015 AP U.S. History Exam Reader
- 2009–2011 Editorial Assistant, *Journal of Southern History*

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

- 2019-present Graduate Advisor, History Department, TAMU-C
- 2018-present Co-chair, Department of History faculty writing workshop, TAMU-C
 Co-chair, Cotton Symposium (in collaboration with Collin College)
 Graduate Council representative, TAMU-C (chair curriculum committee, 2019)
- 2017-2019 Phi Alpha Theta advisor, TAMU-C
- 2016-present Honors Council representative, TAMU-C
- 2015-2018 East Texas War and Memory project supervisor, TAMU-C
- 2015-present Manager, History Department website, TAMU-C

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND CERTIFICATIONS

- Pennsylvania State Teaching License, Social Studies, Grades 7–12

DIGITAL HUMANITIES

2014 Contributor, The American Yawp: A Free and Online, Collaboratively Built American History Textbook, <http://www.americanyawp.com>

2012 Introduction to GIS Short Course, Rice University

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Agricultural History Society

American Society for Environmental History

Southern Historical Association

Texas State Historical Association

COMMUNITY SERVICE

2019-present Vice President, Commerce Public Library Board, Commerce, Texas

2017-2018 Member, Commerce Public Library Board, Commerce, Texas