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EDUCATION

2010 - Ph.D. in History, University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV)

1997 - M.A. in History, Colorado State University

1995 - B.A. in History, Western State College

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

2021 – Present	Associate Professor, Colorado State University
2018 – 2021	Assistant Professor, Colorado State University
2014 – 2018	Assistant Professor, University of Northern Iowa
2013 – 2014	Visiting Lecturer, University of Northern Iowa
2011 – 2013	Visiting Lecturer, Northern Arizona University

SABBATICALS

Fall 2024 - Robert F. and Margaret S. Goheen Fellowship, National Humanities Center, Durham, North Carolina

CURRENT JOB DESCRIPTION

50% Teaching 35% Research/Creative Activity 15% Service/Outreach

PUBLISHED WORKS

Books

The Mountains are Calling: Tourists and the Unmaking of Yosemite National Park,
University of Nebraska Press. May 2026.

Colorado Powder Keg: Ski Resorts and the Environmental Movement, (2nd Ed.) Lawrence:
University Press of Kansas. May 2024.

Colorado Powder Keg: Ski Resorts and the Environmental Movement, Lawrence:
University Press of Kansas. October 2012.

Awards

International Ski History Association 2013 Ullr Award for single outstanding contribution to the historical record in book form.

Western Writers of America Spur Award 2013 Finalist for Best Western Nonfiction Contemporary book.

Refereed Book Chapters

- “Returning to the Best Idea We Ever Had,” in Mark Fiege, Michael Lansing, and Leisl Carr Childers, eds., *Wallace Stegner’s Unsettled Country: Ruin, Realism, and Possibility in the American West*, University of Nebraska Press, 2024. 109 – 132.
- “Rothman’s West: The Education of a Western Public Intellectual,” in Greg Smoak, ed., *Western Lands, Western Voices: The American West Center’s 50th Anniversary Essay Collection*, University of Utah Press. 2021. 41-56.
- “A Gateway into the Mountains: Denver and the Rise of a Recreation Empire,” in *Denver Inside and Out (Colorado History, vol. 16)*. Denver: History Colorado, The Colorado Historical Society. 2012.

Journal Articles

- “Reflection: Creating A Masterpiece: Artists and the Origins of Crater Lake National Park,” in *Oregon Historical Quarterly* (Submitted).
- “Owning the Big Sky: A Roundtable on Amy Gamerman’s *The Crazyies*,” in *Montana: The Magazine of Western History* (Submitted).
- “What is the Purpose of the National Parks?: Teaching History of America’s National Parks” in *Park Stewardship Forum* (May 2026).
- “Erring on the Side of Public Use: James Watt and the National Parks,” in *Montana: The Magazine of Western History* Vol. 23, No. 2 (Summer 2023). 41-65.
- “Neon Metropolis: Hal Rothman’s Las Vegas in the 21st Century,” *Nevada Historical Quarterly* (Fall/Winter 2020), Volume 63, Number 3-4. 155, 176.
- “Remaking Sun Valley: Condominiums and Sprawl in the Mountains of the West,” in *Forest History Today* (Spring/Fall 2019), 4-15.
- “For Public Use, Resort, and Recreation: The Struggle Over Appropriate Recreation in Yosemite,” *George Wright Forum* (November 2018) Volume 35, Number 2. 304-311.
- “The Stoneman Meadow Riots and Law Enforcement in Yosemite National Park,” in *Forest History Today* (Spring/Fall 2017), 30-37.

Review Essays

- “From Unknown Backwater to Rocky Mountain High: The Transformation of the Colorado High Country in William Philpott’s *Vacationland.*,” *Journal of the West* (Summer 2013), 65-68.

Encyclopedia Entries

- “Tourism: Mountains.” In *Oxford Bibliographies*. Ed. Lisa Brady, New York: Oxford University Press, (In Process).
- “Colorado’s Ski Industry,” in *The Colorado Encyclopedia* Edited by William Wei. Denver: Colorado Humanities. 2017, <http://coloradoencyclopedia.colostate.edu/>.
- “The National Parks,” in *Encyclopedia of Populism in America*, Edited by Alexandra Kindell and Elizabeth Sherburn Demers. Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO, 2014. 447-449.

Book Reviews

Review of Yolonda Youngs' *Framing Nature: The Creation of an American Icon at the Grand Canyon* (Lincoln: University of Nebraska Press, 2025) in *Environmental History* (Spring 2026).

Review of Robert A. McNally's *Cast Out of Eden: The Untold Story of John Muir, Indigenous Peoples, and the American Wilderness* (Lincoln: University of Nebraska Press, 2024) in *Western Historical Quarterly* (Summer 2026).

Review of Rachel Gross's *Shopping All the Way to the Woods: How the Outdoor Industry Sold Nature to America* (New Haven: Yale University Press, 2024) in *American Historical Review* (Fall 2025).

Review of Michael Soukup and Gary E. Machlis's *American Covenant: National Parks, Their Promise, and Our Nation's Future* (New Haven: Yale University Press, 2021) in *New Mexico Historical Review* (Summer 2023).

Review of Robert Righter's, editor, *The Grand Teton Reader* (Salt Lake City: University of Utah Press, 2021) in *H Net* (January 2022).

Review of James R. Skillen's *This Land is My Land: Rebellion in the West* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2020) in *The AAG Review of Books* (January 2022).

Review of Bryon E. Pearson's *Saving Grand Canyon: Dams, Deals, and a Noble Myth* (Reno: University of Nevada Press, 2019) in *Western Historical Quarterly* (Summer 2021).

Review of David W. Mills's *Operation Snowbound: Life Behind the Blizzard of 1949* (North Dakota State University Press, 2018) in *North Dakota History: Journal of the Northern Plains* Volume 83, Number 2 (Winter 2019).

Review of Kevin Britz and Roger L. Nichols's *Tombstone, Deadwood and Dodge City: Re-Creating the Frontier West* (University of Oklahoma Press, 2018) in *Nebraska History* (Summer 2019).

Review of Terrence Young's *Heading Out: A History of American Camping* (Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press, 2017) in *Agricultural History* (Fall 2018).

Review of Andrew Denning's *Skiing into Modernity: A Cultural and Environmental History* (Oakland: University of California Press, 2015) in *Histoire Sociale* (November 2017).

Review of Margaret Supplee's *American Ski Resort: Architecture, Style, Experience* (Norman: University of Oklahoma Press, 2013) in *Idaho Yesterdays* (Winter 2016).

Review of Thomas Andrew's *Coyote Valley: Deep History in the High Rockies* (Harvard University Press, 2015) in *Western Historical Quarterly* (Summer 2016).

Review of J. Philip Gruen's *Manifest Destinations: Cities and Tourists in the Nineteenth-Century American West* (University of Oklahoma Press, 2014) in *Montana: The Magazine of Western History* (Spring 2015).

- Review of Lincoln Bramwell's *Wilderburbs: Communities on Nature's Edge* (Seattle: University of Washington Press, 2014) in *Journal of American History* (September 2015).
- Review of Brian Allen Drake's, *Loving Nature, Fearing the State: Environmentalism and Antigovernment Politics before Reagan* (Seattle: University of Washington Press, 2013) in *Western Historical Quarterly* (Autumn 2014).
- Review of Jedediah S. Rogers' *Roads in the Wilderness: Conflict in Canyon Country* (Salt Lake City: University of Utah Press, 2013) in *Environmental History* (October 2014).
- Review of Diana L. Di Stefano's *Encounters in Avalanche Country: A History of Survival in the Mountain West, 1820-1920* (Seattle: University of Washington Press, 2013) in *Pacific Northwest Quarterly* (Summer 2014).
- Review of Frank Zelko's *Make It a Green Peace!: The Rise of Countercultural Environmentalism* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2013) in *American Historical Review* (June 2014).
- Review of Melanie Shellenbarger's *High Country Summers: The Early Second Homes of Colorado, 1880-1940* (Tucson: University of Arizona Press, 2012) in *Pacific Historical Review* (February 2014).
- Review of Jen A. Huntley's *The Making of Yosemite: James Mason Hutchings and the Origins of American's Most Popular National Park* (Lawrence: University Press of Kansas, 2011) in *Environmental History* (March 2013).
- Review of Mark Hudson's *Fire Management in the American West: Forest Politics and the Rise of Megafires* (Boulder: University Press of Colorado, 2011) in *Contemporary Sociology* (May 2013).
- Review of Duane Smith's *Rocky Mountain Heartland: Montana, and Wyoming in the 20th Century* (Tucson: University of Arizona Press, 2009) in the *East Texas Historical Journal* (Winter 2010).
- Review of Michael J. Yochim's *Yellowstone and the Snowmobile: Locking Horns over National Park Use* (Lawrence: University Press of Kansas, 2009), in *Western Historical Quarterly* (Fall 2010).
- Review of David Beesley's *Crow's Range: An Environmental History of the Sierra Nevada* (Reno: University of Nevada Press, 2004) in the *Journal of San Diego History* (Winter 2007).
- Review of Carol Higham and Robert Thacker's *One West, Two Myths: A Comparative Reader* in the *American Review of Canadian Studies* (Calgary: University of Calgary Press, 2004) in *The American Review of Canadian Studies* (Winter 2005).

CONTRACTS AND GRANTS

- 2024 Robert F. and Margaret S. Goheen Fellowship, National Humanities Center
- 2023 FY2023 USGS 104b Grant (Historic Mapping of the Colorado River Headwaters)

- 2023 Educate Future Water Leaders, Decision Makers, Legislators, Farmers, Citizens, and Students about Groundwater Grant, Robert A. Longenbaugh Endowment, Morgan Library Water Resources Archive
- 2020-2024 USDA Forest Service History, 1960-2020 (Grant for Administrative History of US Forest Service)
- 2019 Lilla B. Morgan Memorial Endowment (Kent Blansett Talk American West Program)
 Programing for Research and Scholarly Excellence (Parks as Portals to Learning: Trail Ridge Pull Out Survey)
- 2017 Faculty Fellow, American Association of State Colleges and Universities Stewardship of Public Lands Yellowstone National Park Seminar
- 2016 Faculty Fellow, American Association of State Colleges and Universities Stewardship of Public Lands Yellowstone National Park Seminar
- 2016 Disciple, Ecosphere Studies Conference, The Land Institute, Salina, Kansas
- 2016 Geographic Alliance of Iowa/National Geographic Grant Curriculum Grant, UNI Geography and History Departments
- 2015 Huntington Library E. Peter Mauk, Jr./Doyce B. Nunis Jr. Fellowship
 University of Northern Iowa Dean's Research Grant from the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences
- 2010 Grey Towers Scholar-in-Residence Fellowship, U.S. Forest Service

CONFERENCE ACTIVITY/PARTICIPATION

Papers Presented

- “Our Lady of the Lawn Chair: Yosemite’s Church Bowl and the Problems of Overcrowding in Yosemite National Park, 1960-1997,” American Society of Environmental History, March 25-28, 2026, Kansas City, Missouri
- “Headwaters: Colorado’s Fraser River and the Cost of Transmountain Diversion on a Local Community, 1980-2020,” Agricultural History Society Annual Conference, June 5-7, 2025, St. Paul, Minnesota
- “Headwaters: Community and Climate Change in Grand County,” WEST Gathering, May 20-22, 2025, Fort Collins, Colorado.
- “Cross Country Skiing in the 1970s; Critical Ski Studies: Examining Winter Recreation at the Intersection of Class, Culture, and Environment,” American Society of Environmental History Annual Conference, April 9-13, 2025, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
- “Mountain Playgrounds: Recreation Tourism and Mountains in the American West,” American Society of Environmental History Annual Conference, April 3-7, 2024, Denver, Colorado

- “Building a Nature Constituency: Yosemite and the Sierra Club’s First Outings,” Western History Association Annual Conference, October 26-29, 2023, Los Angeles, California
- “Building a Nature Constituency: Yosemite and the Sierra Club’s First Outings.” WEST Gathering, May 23-26, 2023. Missoula, Montana
- “Erring on the Side of Public Use: James Watt and the National Parks,” American Society of Environmental History Annual Conference, March 23-27, 2022, Eugene, Oregon
- “Revisiting the Best Idea We Ever Had,” Wallace Stegner and the Changing West Symposium, Montana State University, May 9-11, 2019, Bozeman, Montana
- “Environmental History’s Promise: Hal Rothman, National Park Administrative Histories, the Redefinition of the Discipline,” American Society of Environmental History Annual Conference, April 10-14, 2019, Columbus, Ohio
- “To Conform to the Fundamental Purpose: The National Parks and the American West, A Lightning Panel,” Western History Association Annual Meeting, October 20-23, 2016, St. Paul, Minnesota
- “Appropriate Visitor Use in Yosemite National Park,” Association of Pacific Coast Geographers Annual Meeting, October 5-8, 2016, Portland, Oregon
- “Celebrating the Nation’s Backyard: The Geographic Alliance of Iowa and the National Park Service Centennial,” Missouri Valley History Conference, March 3-5, 2016, Omaha, Nebraska
- “Linking the West,” Western Lands, Western Voices: The American West Center at Fifty, September 19-21, Salt Lake City, Utah
- “Protect Our Mountain Home: NIMBYism and Fight the against the Denver Winter Olympic Games,” Western History Association Annual Conference, October 4-7, 2012, Denver, Colorado
- “Free Market Slopes: Ski Lift Tickets and Deregulation in the White River National Forest,” American Society of Environmental History Annual Conference, March 10-14, 2010, Portland, Oregon
- “Fire on the Mountain: The Vail Arsons and the Environmental Cost of Tourism,” American History Association Annual Conference, January 7-10, 2010, San Diego, California
- “The Environment, Nature, and the Politics of Tourism in the Twentieth-Century American West,” Pacific Coast Branch of the American Historical Association Annual Conference, August 6-8, 2009, Albuquerque, New Mexico
- “A Gateway into the Mountains: Denver and the Rise of a Recreation Empire,” Denver: Inside and Out Symposium, February 27-28, 2009, Denver, Colorado
- “Rich Man’s Games, Poor Man’s Taxes: Growth and Colorado’s Rejection of the 1976 Winter Olympic Games,” Western History Association Annual Conference, October 3-6, 2007, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

“Radical Reels: Film, Adventure, Identity, and Lifestyle on the Edge,” American Society of Environmental History Annual Conference, September 7-9, 2007, Baton Rouge, Louisiana

“Denver’s Ski Area: Winter Park Ski Resort, the City and County of Denver, and Building an Urban Ski Resort,” American Society of Environmental History Annual Conference, March 29-April 1, 2006, St. Paul, Minnesota

“The Reinvention of Skiing: Freestyle Skiing and the Mary Jane Expansion of Winter Park Ski Area,” Pacific Coast Branch American Historical Association Annual Conference, August 4-7, 2005, Corvallis, Oregon

“Denver’s Ski Area: Winter Park Ski Resort, the City and County of Denver, and Building of an Urban Ski Resort,” Shaping the American West: A New Western Ethic for the 21st Century, International Interdisciplinary Conference, June 9-12, 2005, Snowbird, Utah

Chair/Comment

Chair, “Recreational Geographies, Knowledge Making, and Nature Writing,” American Society of Environmental History, March 25-28, 2026, Kansas City, Missouri

Chair, “Roundtable on Rethinking History in the National Park Service: Relationality and Inclusion,” Western History Association, October 15-18, 2025, Albuquerque, New Mexico

Chair, “Synergistic Pathways: Thinking About Collaboration as a Catalyst for Advancing Environmental History,” American Society of Environmental History, April 3-7, 2024, Denver, Colorado

Moderator, “The Convergence of Environmental and Public History,” American Society of Environmental History, April 3-7, 2024, Denver, Colorado

Chair, “Lakota Land: Loss, Identity, Memory, and Sovereignty,” Northern Great Plains History Conference, September 27-30, 2023, Sioux Falls, South Dakota

Chair, “Playing with Technology: How Outdoor Recreation Has Linked Nature, Culture, and Commerce,” Society for the History of Technology, November 10-13, 2022, New Orleans, Louisiana

Moderator, “Colorado River Compact Symposium: Living with the Colorado River: Past, Present, and Future History Roundtable,” Colorado River Compact Symposium: Living with the Colorado River: Past, Present, and Future Symposium, September 26, 2022, Fort Collins, Colorado

Chair, Commentor, “Publics, Politics, and Play,” Western History Association, October 27-30, 2021, Portland, Oregon

Commenter, “Apply History to Public Land and Water Management in the West,” Western History Association, October 13-17, 2020, Albuquerque, New Mexico (Online)

Chair, “State of the Field: Environmental History in the American West,” Western History Association, October 17-20, 2018, San Antonio, Texas

Chair/Commenter, “History of the American West and Resistance,” Missouri Valley History Conference, March 1-3, 2018, Omaha, Nebraska

Chair, “Memory, Loss, and Preservation Panel,” Urban History Association Biennial Conference, October 20-23, 2010, Las Vegas, Nevada

Roundtables

“Ruin, Realism, and Repair: Wallace Stegner and the Overlapping Crises of the 21st Century North American West” Western History Association, October 26-29, 2024, Los Angeles, California

“Looking through the Portal: Perspectives on Partnering on for Digital Oral History Projects,” Southwest Oral History Association, April 1, 2022, Las Vegas, Nevada

“Under Native American Skies: Native People and the West’s Public Lands,” Western History Association, October 13-17, 2020, Online

“Neon Metropolis: Hal Rothman’s Las Vegas in the 21st Century,” Western History Association Annual Meeting, October 18-19, 2019, Las Vegas, Nevada

“DeVoto’s Legacy: Western Historians and Public Lands Controversies,” Western History Association Annual Meeting, November 1-4, 2017, San Diego, California

“The National Park Service, Environmental History, and the Challenge of Relevance in a Changing World Roundtable,” American Association of Environmental History Annual Conference, March 30 - April 3, 2016, Seattle, Washington

“Teaching ‘America’s Best Idea:’ Lessons from a Century (and More) of National Parks Roundtable,” Western History Association Annual Conference, October 15-18, 2014, Newport Beach, California

“Six-Shooters: A Digital Frontiers Lightning Round Session,” Western History Association Annual Conference, October 15-18, 2014, Newport Beach, California

“Devil’s Bargains?: Roundtable on Tourism and Outdoor Recreation in the U.S. West,” Pacific Coast Branch of the American Historical Association Annual Conference, August 7-9, 2013, Denver, Colorado

Working Groups/Workshops

“The Stewardship of Public Lands: Politics and the Yellowstone Ecosystem,” American Association of State Colleges and Universities, July 31-August 5, 2017, Mammoth Hot Springs, WY

University of Northern Iowa Faculty Sustainability Board Workshop – Organizer, 2017.

Ecosphere Studies Conference, The Land Institute, Salina, Kansas – Workshop Participant, 2016 & 2017.

“Civic Engagement in Action: The Stewardship of Public Lands, Politics and the Yellowstone Ecosystem,” American Association of state Colleges and Universities, August 1-6, 2016, Mammoth Hot Springs, WY

“Management Skills: Working as the Yosemite National Park Administrative Project Manager,” Learning in the Field: The Convergence of Public History, Academic History in Better Graduate Training Workshop Pacific Coast Branch of the American Historical Association Annual Conference, August 7-9, 2008, Pasadena, CA

Posters

“Teaching the Mississippi River Basin: A Natural and Human History, Provost’s Initiative for Environmental Equity and Resilience (PIEER) Symposium, University of Northern Iowa, 2016.

ENGAGED SCHOLARSHIP

Public History Publications

USDA Forest Service History, 1960-2020 Administrative History, Leisl Carr Childers, Lincoln Bramwell, Michael Childers. USDA Forest Service, (In Progress).

Historic Overview of Groundwater in Colorado: Use, Education, and Technology, Emily Ortiz, author. Michael Childers, advisor. Water Resource Archives, Colorado State University Libraries, 2024. Funded by the Robert A. Longenbaugh Water Resources Endowment.

<https://archives.mountainscholar.org/digital/collection/p17393coll200/id/300/rec/1>

“The New Deal, 1933 to 1939,” and “World War II and Post-War Boom in Visitation, 1941-1955,” in *The Yosemite Way: An Administrative History of Yosemite National Park*, Andrew Kirk, Lincoln Bramwell, and Michael Childers, in fulfillment of National Park Service Task and Great Basin CESU Cooperative Agreements, 2009. 191-264.

“Olema Valley Dairy Ranches Historic District National Historic District Application,” Point Reyes National Seashore, Jeffrey Richardson, Michael Childers. National Park Service Task and Great Basin CESU Cooperative Agreements, 2004.

Field Experience

2023	Supervisor, Colorado State University Extension Services Internship – Historical Mapping the Colorado River Headwaters.
2022	Supervisor, Colorado State University Extension Services Internship – Identifying Endangered Historic Sites in Grand County, Colorado.
2018-2021	Lead Faculty, Parks as Portals to Learning, Rocky Mountain National Park.
2015-2016	Geographic Alliance of Iowa/National Geographic Grant Curriculum
2005-2007	Project Manager, Yosemite National Park Administrative History Project.
2004-2005	Senior Researcher/Project Manager, Las Vegas Valley Water District Administrative History.
Summer 2004	Olema Valley Dairy Ranches Historic District National Register of Historic Places Application, Point Reyes National Seashore.
2003-2004	Interviewer, Nevada Test Site Oral History Project.

- 2003-2004 Project Manager, National Park Service Fire Management Administrative History.
- 2003 Internship, Colorado Ski and Snowboard Museum and Hall of Fame.
- Consultant**
- 2024 Advisor, *Green Reckoning*, David Vassar, Backcountry Pictures, Inc.
- 2023 Advisory Council, *The Five States of Colorado*, Colorado Humanities and Harvey ProCinema.
- Fellowship and Grants**
- 2024 Robert F. and Margaret S. Goheen Fellowship, National Humanities Center.
- 2023 FY2023 USGS 104b Grant (Historic Mapping of the Colorado River Headwaters).
- 2023 Educate Future Water Leaders, Decision Makers, Legislators, Farmers, Citizens, and Students about Groundwater Grant, Robert A. Longenbaugh Endowment, Morgan Library Water Resources Archive.
- 2020-2024 USDA Forest Service History, 1960-2020 (Grant for Administrative History of US Forest Service).
- 2019 Lilla B. Morgan Memorial Endowment (Kent Blansett Talk American West Program).
- Programing for Research and Scholarly Excellence (Parks as Portals to Learning: Trail Ridge Pull Out Survey).

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Courses Taught

<u>Year</u>	<u>Semester</u>	<u>Course No./Title</u>	<u>Cr. Hrs.</u>	<u>Enrollment</u>
2026	Spring	HIST 151 U.S. History Since 1876	3	43
		HIST 352 American West Since 1900	3	22
2025	Fall	HIST 492 Capstone	3	13
2025	Spring	HIST 476 America's National Parks	3	39
		HIST 512 Reading Seminar U.S. Since	3	7
2024	Fall	HIST 470 World Environmental History	3	40
2023	Fall	HIST 476 America's National Parks	3	39
		HIST 492 Capstone	3	11
		HIST 586 Practicum	3	1
2023	Spring	HIST 512 Reading Seminar U.S. Since	3	9
		HIST 699 Thesis	1	1
2022	Fall	HIST 392 Seminar in Historical Methods	3	5
		HIST 476 America's National Parks	3	38
		HIST 699 Thesis	3	1
2022	Spring	HIST 487 Internship	1	2
		HIST 695 Independent Study	3	4
2021	Fall	HIST 392 Seminar in Historical Methods	3	9

2021	Spring	HIST 481A History of Outdoor Recreation	3	24
		HIST 699 Thesis	3	2
2020	Fall	HIST 151 U.S. History Since 1876	3	92
		HIST 492 Capstone	3	9
		HIST 495 Independent Study	3	3
		HIST 699 Thesis	1	2
2020	Spring	HIST 395 American Environmental History	3	39
		HIST 512 Reading Seminar U.S. Since	3	13
2019	Fall	HIST 481A History of Outdoor Recreation	3	20
		HIST 492 Capstone	3	12
		HIST 697 Group Study	1	3
2019	Spring	HIST 201 Approaches to History	3	17
		HIST 470 World Environmental History	3	30
		HIST 487 Internship	1	3
2018	Fall	HIST 151 U.S. History Since 1876	3	99
		HIST 151 U.S. History Since 1876	3	33

Student Advising/Graduate Supervision

Undergraduate Honors Thesis Committee Memberships

2024 Elizabeth Hazard – Committee Member

2022 Corinne Neustadter – Committee Member

Graduate Committees Chaired

2026 Isabella Narducci– Nonthesis Tract, MA History

Sam Hanek – Nonthesis Tract, MA History

2025 George Moncaster – Nonthesis Tract, MA History

2023 Hailey Doucette – Thesis Tract, MA History

Amber Scott – Public History Tract, MA History

2022 Nolan Dahm –Public History Tract, MA History

2021 Alex Miller – Thesis Tract, MA History

2020 Tristian Purdy – Thesis Tract, MA History

Andrew Olson –Public History Tract, MA History

Graduate Committee Member

2026 James Relton – Public History Tract, MA History

2025 Isatha Fofanah-Green – PhD Education

2024 Amber Bell – Public History Tract, MA History

Victoria McKeller-Peoples – Public History Tract, MA History

Austin Magura – Public History Tract, MA History

RJ Hillman – Cultural Resource Management Tract, MA History

Bryan Thomas – PhD Education

Allie Kohler – PhD Rangeland Science

Holly Gorden – MA Conservation Leadership

2023 Dale Mize – Non-thesis Tract MA History

Emily Ortiz – Cultural Resource Management Tract, MA History

2022. Benja Kromesh – Non-thesis Tract MA Sociology

2021 Sean McCollum – Thesis Tract, MA History
2020 Leslie Moore – Public History Tract, MA History

EVIDENCE OF OUTREACH/SERVICE/ENGAGEMENT

Department/College/University Service

2025 – 2026 College of Liberal Arts Service Award Committee
Morgan Library Liaison
Western Historical Quarterly Associate Editor

2025 College of Liberal Arts Awards Committee

2023 - 2024 College of Liberal Arts Undergraduate Coordinator Committee
Undergraduate Curriculum Committee Chair
Department Executive Committee
Public and Environmental History Center Board

2022-2023 College of Liberal Arts Undergraduate Coordinator Committee
Undergraduate Curriculum Committee Chair
Department Executive Committee ex officio
Colorado River Compact Symposium: Living with the Colorado River: Past, Present, and Future Organization Committee
Ground Water Advisory Group
College of Liberal Arts Undergraduate Attendance Task Force
Public and Environmental History Center Board

2021 College of Liberal Arts Undergraduate Coordinator Committee
Undergraduate Curriculum Committee Chair/Coordinator
Department Executive Committee
Parks as Portals to Learning Faculty Instructor
College of Liberal Arts Undergraduate Curriculum Committee Member
Hydrology Days Committee Member
Ground Water Advisory Group
Public Lands History Center Council Member

2020 Executive Committee
Faculty Research Seminar Coordinator
Parks as Portals to Learning Faculty Instructor
Hydrology Days Committee Member
Public Lands History Center Council Member

2019 Undergraduate Studies Committee
Pedagogy Committee
Faculty Research Seminar Coordinator
Representative to CLA Undergraduate Scholarship Committee
Parks as Portals to Learning Faculty Instructor
Program Committee Member of Hydrology Days
External Reviewer Colorado Water Center
Hydrology Days Committee Member
Public Lands History Center Council Member

2018 - 2019 Graduate Committee
 Parks as Portals to Learning Faculty Instructor
 2018 Faculty Marshall Fall Graduation
 Public Lands History Center Council Member

Service to the Profession

2026 Ad Hoc Committee on Publications for the Western History Association Western History Association
 2025 – Present Associate Editor Western Historical Quarterly
 Editorial Board Member Montana The Magazine of Western History
 2020 – Present Co-Series Editor - Environment and Region in the American West, University of Nebraska Press
 2024 Local Arrangements Committee American Society of Environmental History
 Tour Guide Red Rocks Amphitheater American Society of Environmental History
 2022 Center of the American West/University of Colorado History Department Mellon Fellow Commentor
 2022 Colorado River Compact Centennial Project Committee Member
 2020 - 2022 Advisory Board Member – *Five States of Colorado* Documentary Film/ Humanities Colorado
 2017 - 2024 Co-Series Editor - *Environment in Modern North America* Series University of Oklahoma Press
 2017 - 2019 Co-Book Review Editor Journal of Environmental History
 2014 Judge for 2014 Charles A. Weyerhaeuser Book Award Forest History Society
 2023-2025 Graduate Student Prize Committee Member Western History Association
 2012 Western History Association Annual Conference Program Committee Member
 2009 Graduate Student Staff, Western History Association

Peer Reviewer

2026 University of New Mexico Press
 2025 University of Nebraska Press, University of Wyoming Press, Routledge Press
 2024 *Environmental History*, University of New Mexico Press, University of Utah Press, Annals of the American Association of Geographers
 2023 University of Nebraska Press, National Park Service
 2022 National Park Service, *Environmental History*
 2021 *Western Historical Quarterly*
 2018 Oxford University Press, University of Texas Press, Palgrave MacMillan
 2017 University of Oklahoma Press, *Case Studies in the Environment*
 2016 *The Public Historian*, *The Annals of Iowa*, Oregon State University Press

- 2014 Oregon State University Press
 2013 University of Washington Press, University of Oklahoma Press,
 University of Nevada Press
 2010 Organization of American Historians/National Park Service
Western Historical Quarterly

Invited Talks and Interviews

- 2026 “The Colorado Experience: The Games that Never Happened,” *Rocky Mountain PBS*, February 10, 2026. <https://www.pbs.org/video/the-games-that-never-happened-fqwr2q/>.
 “Shit, I Have to Teach in 20 Minutes: Environmental History with Michael Childers,” *Shit, I Have to Teach in 20 Minutes Podcast*, January 14, 2026. <https://www.historyintwenty.com>.
 “How Denver Became the First City to Reject the Olympic Games,” Estes Valley Library, Estes Park, Colorado, January 26, 2026.
- 2024 “Making a National Park,” Triangle Environmental Humanist Seminar, Durham, NC, November 5, 2024.
 “The Mountains are Calling: Tourists and the Unmaking of Yosemite National Park: Workshop,” National Humanities Center, Durham, NC, October 11, 2024.
 “The USDA Forest Service History, 1960-2020 Administrative History,” Forest Service Strategic Planning and Budget Analysis Meeting, June 13, 2024.
- 2023 “Hetch Hetchy and the Purpose of National Parks,” United States Committee on Irrigation and Drainage Meeting, Fort Collins, Colorado, October 18, 2023.
 “The Mountains are Calling, and Everyone Wants to Go: The bumpy history of Colorado's ski industry,” The Audit, Colorado State University, Fort Collins, Colorado. April 5, 2023.
- 2022 “Great Conversations: Public Lands, Public History: Putting History to Work for the United States Forest Service,” Colorado State University, Fort Collins, Colorado. April 21, 2022.
- 2021 “5th Annual Colorado Public Lands Day Roundtable Discussion: The Past, Present, and Future of CO’s Public Lands,” Online, May 11, 2021.
 “Public Lands, Public History: Putting History to Work for the United States Forest Service,” University of California, Santa Barbara. January 15, 2021.
- 2020 “Hetch Hetchy: A Paradox of Place,” Brophy College Preparatory, Phoenix, Arizona. March 12, 2020.
- 2019 “Let’s Open the Parks: The Tioga Road and the Making of Modern Yosemite,” Eastern Sierra History Conference, Mammoth, California. October 25, 2019.
 “A Geography of Hope: The Aspirational Nature of America’s Public Lands,” Public Lands Alliance, Denver, Colorado. Monday, February 25, 2019.
 “The Denver Winter Olympics” Golden History Museum & Park, Golden, Colorado. March 6, 2019

Media Appearances

- 2026 LIV Magazine
 Adventure.com
 Rocky Mountain PBS – *Colorado Experience*
Vail Daily
 KUNC Public Radio
 Rocky Mountain Public Radio
Wall Street Journal
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