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EDUCATION

- *The University of Texas at Austin*
Ph.D. in History, May 2013
Dissertation Title: “Bordering North America: Constructing Wilderness Along the Periphery of Canada, Mexico, and the United States”
Supervisor: Erika Bsumek
Committee Members: H.W. Brands, Steven Hoelscher, Benjamin Johnson, John McKiernan-Gonzalez
- *Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas*
M.B.A. in Business Process Reengineering, May 1993
- *The University of Texas at Austin*
B.B.A. in Management, May 1991

PUBLICATIONS AND RESEARCH

In Progress:

- September 2013 Manuscript Workshop for “Bordering North America: Constructing Wilderness Along the Periphery of Canada, Mexico, and the United States” with reader’s reports from Dr. Sterling Evans (The University of Oklahoma), Dr. Paul Sutter (University of Colorado at Boulder), and Dr. Alan MacEachern (Western University-Ontario). Southern Methodist University. Dallas, Texas. [Manuscript under contract]

Articles:

- “Waterton/Glacier: The Business of Parks and Preservation in the North American Borderlands.” May 2013 Conference Paper, “Issues in Canadian Studies: Views from America” Colloquium sponsored by the Center for the Study of Canada at State University of New York College at Plattsburgh, Fulbright Canada, the Canadian Studies Program at the University of California at Berkeley, and the *American Review of Canadian Studies*. Berkeley, California. [Submitted article for spring 2014 special issue of the *American Review of Canadian Studies*]
- “‘Some Sort of Scenic Beauty’: Land Use and the Establishment of Big Bend National Park.” Article for History Department Website (notevenpast.org), University of Texas at Austin (April 2011).
- “Environmental History and the National Parks.” Article for Spring 2010 ASEH News (co-authored with Alison Steiner), American Society for Environmental History.

TEACHING AREAS

Comprehensive Exam Fields: U.S. History (pre/post Civil War), Environmental History
Additional Fields: American West, Borderlands, Latin America, Native American, Texas
Prepared Syllabi: U.S. History Survey I/II, American West in the 20th Century, Environmental History, Native American History, Roots of Wilderness Preservation, Texas History

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- “Excellence in West Texas History” \$5,000 Publishing Subvention
- Clements Center for Southwest Studies \$2,500 Publishing Subvention

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS, continued

- 2013 Bill & Rita Clements Research Fellow for the Study of Southwestern America, Clements Center for Southwest Studies, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas
- 2013 Summer American Foreign Policy Institute Coordinator, The Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History
- 2013 Summer Teaching Institute Coordinator, Humanities Texas
- 2013 CONNECT/Fulbright Canada Colloquium Honorarium
- 2012-13 “Excellence in West Texas History” Fellowship, Angelo State University, San Angelo, Texas
- 2012 Summer American Foreign Policy Institute Coordinator, The Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History
- 2011 Summer Teaching Institute Coordinator, Humanities Texas
- 2010 Summer Research Grant, Department of History, The University of Texas at Austin
- 2010 Liberal Arts Graduate Research Award, The University of Texas at Austin
- 2010 Graduate Student Organizer for Portland ASEH Conference Workshop (“The Role of Environmental History in the National Parks”), National Park Service
- 2009-10 Clara Driscoll Fellowship in Texas History, The University of Texas at Austin
- 2009 Liberal Arts Graduate Summer Research Fellowship, The University of Texas at Austin
- 2009 Summer Research Grant, Institute for Historical Studies, The University of Texas at Austin
- Five Year Teaching Assistantship, The University of Texas at Austin

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

The University of Texas (San Antonio, Texas)

- Lecturer - Approaches to American Studies: An Introductory Survey and Topics in American Culture: North American Borders and Frontiers (Spring 2014)
Developed two offerings including a foundational course for American Studies and a seminar on the borderlands and frontiers that separate the United States from Canada and Mexico, lectured and led weekly class discussions, and evaluated student performance

Southwestern University (Georgetown, Texas)

- Adjunct Instructor - Texas History Survey (Spring 2013)
Developed new Texas History survey course (covering the period from pre-contact to the present), lectured and led weekly class discussions, and evaluated student performance

The University of Texas at Austin

- Teaching Assistant (guest lectured, led class discussions, and evaluated student performance, including developing custom rubrics and progress tracking tools):
 - The U.S. West in the Twentieth Century (Dr. Erika Bsumek, Spring 2012)
 - History of Native American Peoples (Dr. Erika Bsumek, Fall 2011)
 - The U.S. West in the Twentieth Century (Dr. Erika Bsumek, Spring 2011)
 - U.S. History Survey from 1865 (Dr. H.W. Brands, Fall 2010)
 - History of Native American Peoples (Dr. Erika Bsumek, Fall 2009)
 - American Civil War and Reconstruction (Dr. George Forgie, Spring 2009)
 - The U.S. West in the Twentieth Century (Dr. Erika Bsumek, Fall 2008)
 - The U.S. West in the Twentieth Century (Dr. Erika Bsumek, Spring 2008)
 - Introduction to Native American History (Dr. Erika Bsumek, Fall 2007)
 - Introduction to Native American History (Dr. Erika Bsumek, Spring 2007)
 - U.S. History Survey to 1865 (Dr. Neil Kamil, Fall 2006)

WORK EXPERIENCE

- *American Express*, Austin, Texas
Director of Global Product Development, Corporate Services (1996-2006)
Managed \$3.5 MM budget and team of 15 consultants that advised Fortune 1000 customers on procurement, travel management, and financial integration solutions
- *National Park Service*, Yosemite, California
Volunteer Seasonal Ranger, Yosemite National Park Wilderness Division (Summer 2005)
Staffed Valley Wilderness Office, issued trail permits, and patrolled backcountry
- *Accenture (formerly Andersen Consulting)*, Austin, Texas
Senior Consultant, Public Sector Consulting Group (1993-1996)
Designed, developed, and delivered systems for Child and Adult Protection for the State Health and Human Services Commission and Child Support Enforcement for the Office of the Attorney General

PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS

- [Upcoming] July 2014. Panel including Stephen Macekura (University of Virginia), Thomas Robertson (Worcester Polytechnic Institute), and Ian Tyrrell (University of New South Wales) on "America's Best Idea?: Americans and the Global Spread of National Parks in the Twentieth Century." Second World Congress on Environmental History. Guimarães, Portugal.
- [Upcoming] March 2014. Panel including Erika Bsumek (University of Texas at Austin), Mary E. Mendoza (University of California-Davis), Krista Schlyer (Independent Writer/Photographer), and Rachel St. John (New York University) on "Nature at America's Borders: Perspectives on Parks, Fences, and Wildlife." ASEH Annual Conference. San Francisco, California.
- November 2013. "The Northern Rockies and Chihuahuan Desert: Wilderness Along the Periphery of Canada, Mexico, and the United States." Dedman College of Humanities and Sciences Brown Bag. Southern Methodist University. Dallas, Texas.
- April 2013. "Making Wilderness in the Big Bend." Conference Paper, Annual Conference of the West Texas Historical Association. Wichita Falls, Texas.
- March 2013. "America's Best Idea: The History of National Parks and Wilderness." Lecture for Explore UT Community Outreach and Open House, College of Liberal Arts, University of Texas at Austin.
- November 2012. "Bordering Big Bend: The Impact of the Rio Grande and 49th Parallel on the Creation of International Parks." Conference Paper, Annual Conference of the Center for Big Bend Studies. Alpine, Texas.
- April 2012. "Environmental History of West Texas: An International Park for the Big Bend." Conference Paper, Annual Conference of the West Texas Historical Association. Alpine, Texas.
- March 2012. "America's Best Idea: The History of National Parks and Wilderness." Lecture for Explore UT Community Outreach and Open House, College of Liberal Arts, University of Texas at Austin.
- March 2011. "America's Best Idea: The History of National Parks and Wilderness." Lecture for Explore UT Community Outreach and Open House, College of Liberal Arts, University of Texas at Austin.
- April 2009. "Bordering the North American Borderlands: Designating Wilderness Along the Periphery of Canada, Mexico, and the United States." Conference Paper, Annual Conference of the Institute for Historical Studies at the University of Texas at Austin on "The Nation-State and the Transnational Environment," Austin, Texas.

PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS, continued

- August 2008. "Creating Transboundary Spaces and Wilderness along the North American Borderlands." Conference Paper, Annual Meeting of the Pacific Coast Branch of the American Historical Association on "Historical Scales: From the Global to the Local," Pasadena, California.
- March 2007. "Bordering Big Bend: The Acquisition of lands to create Big Bend National Park during the New Deal," Conference Paper, Gender Symposium on "Borderlands: Crossing Disciplines," a panel of research presentations with commentary by Dr. James F. Brooks, Austin, Texas.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- American Historical Association
- American Society for Environmental History
- Center for Big Bend Studies
- The Forest History Society
- The George Wright Society
- The Texas State Historical Association
- Western History Association
- West Texas Historical Association

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- Archivo General de la Nación, Mexico City, Mexico
- Bancroft Library, University of California, Berkeley, CA
- Nettie Lee Benson Latin American Collection, University of Texas at Austin
- The Archives of the Big Bend, Sul Ross University, Alpine, TX
- Archives of the Blackfeet Tribe, Browning, MT
- Dolph Briscoe Center for American History, University of Texas at Austin
- Private Collection of J.P. Bryan, Torch Energy, Houston, TX
- Bureau of Reclamation Library, Billings, MT
- Parks Canada Archives: Waterton Lakes National Park and Gatineau, Quebec
- Library and Archives Canada, Ottawa, Ontario
- Arthur Carhart National Wilderness Training Center Library, Missoula, MT
- Lorenzo De Zavala Texas State Archives, Austin, TX
- Galt Museum & Archives, Lethbridge, Alberta
- Huntington Library, San Marino, CA
- International Boundary Commission Archives, Washington, DC
- International Boundary and Water Commission Library, El Paso, TX
- Lyndon B. Johnson Presidential Library and Archives, Austin, TX
- Archives of the Kainai/Blood First Nation, Red Crow College, Cardston, Alberta
- Minnesota Historical Society, St. Paul, MN
- The Montana Historical Society, Helena, MT
- National Archives and Records Administration: San Bruno, CA; Denver, CO; Washington, DC; College Park, MD; Ft. Worth, TX
- National Park Service Archives: Big Bend and Glacier National Parks
- New York Public Library Documents and Archive Division, New York, NY
- Southwestern Collection at Texas Tech University, Lubbock, TX
- UNESCO Man and Biosphere Program Library, Paris, France

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE, continued

- The University of Houston History Archives, Houston, TX
- The University of Montana Special Collections, Missoula, MT
- The University of Texas at El Paso Special Collections, El Paso, TX
- Woodson Research Center Archives, Rice University, Houston, TX

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

- Member of Liberal Arts Graduate Research Fellowship Selection Committee (Fall 2009)
- New Graduate Teaching Assistant Orientation Methods and Practices (Fall 2010)