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EMPLOYMENT:

Associate Professor of History and English, University of Delaware, Spring 2012 –

Associate Professor of History, Pennsylvania State University, Fall 2002 – Fall 2011

Assistant Professor of History, Pennsylvania State University, Fall 2000 – Spring 2002

Assistant Professor of History and Geography, Pennsylvania State University, Fall 1996 –
Spring 2000

EDUCATION:

University of Kansas Ph.D. in history, with emphasis in American environmental history
1996

Oxford University Rhodes Scholar 1980 - 1981

Yale University B.A. in History, Summa Cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa, Distinction in the
Major of History 1980

NATIONAL HONORS:

Lewis Mumford Award, given by the Society for American City and Regional Planning
History for the best book on American planning history, 2003

Frederick Jackson Turner Award, given by the Organization of American Historians for the
best first book on any topic in American history, 2002

EXTERNAL GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS:

University of Connecticut Humanities Institute Faculty Residential Fellowship, 2008-2009.
To support research on the first Earth Day. Declined.

Oregon State University Center for the Humanities Visiting Research Fellowship, 2005-
2006. To support research on environmental reform in the Gilded Age and Progressive Era,
1865-1920.

National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Stipend, 2005. To support research on
environmental reform in the Gilded Age and Progressive Era, 1865-1920.

BOOKS:

“The Genius of Earth Day.” (New York: Hill and Wang, forthcoming 2013).

The Bulldozer in the Countryside: Suburban Sprawl and the Rise of American Environmentalism (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2001).

Winner of the Frederick Jackson Turner Award and the Lewis Mumford Award.

Chinese translation (Beijing: China Environmental Sciences Press, 2011).

Excerpts reprinted in Major Problems in American Environmental History [Second Edition], ed. Carolyn Merchant (Boston: Houghton Mifflin, 2005); Major Problems in American Urban and Suburban History [Second Edition], ed. Howard P. Chudacoff and Peter C. Baldwin (Boston: Houghton Mifflin, 2005); and The Suburb Reader, ed. Becky Nicolaides and Andrew Wiese (New York: Routledge, 2006).

Reviews (selected): American Historical Review (April 2005); American Journal of Sociology (January 2002); American Studies (Fall 2002); Business History Review (Spring 2002); Environmental History (January 2003); Journal of American History (September 2002); Journal of the American Planning Association (Summer 2002); Journal of Economic History (March 2002); Journal of Environment and Development (March 2002); Journal of Urban History (November 2004); Landscape and Urban Planning (November 2001); Organization and Environment (March 2003); Planning Perspectives (October 2003); Reviews in American History (September 2002); Rural Sociology (June 2003); Technology and Culture (October 2002); Urban Ecology (Autumn 2001).

ARTICLES:

“The Genius of Earth Day,” Environmental History 15 (April 2010): 194-205.

“Nature Wars, Culture Wars: Immigration and Environmental Reform in Progressive America,” Environmental History 13 (July 2008): 432-453.

“‘Political Hermaphrodites’: Gender and Environmental Reform in Progressive America,” Environmental History 11 (July 2006): 440-463.

Excerpt reprinted in Major Problems in American Environmental History [Third Edition], ed. Carolyn Merchant (Beverly, MA: Wadsworth, 2011).

“‘Give Earth a Chance’: The Environmental Movement and the Sixties,” Journal of American History 90 (September 2003): 525-554.

Excerpt reprinted in Major Problems in American Environmental History [Third Edition], ed. Carolyn Merchant (Beverly, MA: Wadsworth, 2011).

“What Really Matters in History? Environmental Perspectives on Modern America,” Environmental History 7 (April 2002): 303-318.

“William Whyte, Open Space, and Environmental Activism,” Geographical Review 88 (April 1998): 259-274.

“Coming to Terms with Pollution: The Language of Environmental Reform, 1865-1915,” Environmental History 1 (July 1996): 6-28.

“Building on the Land: Toward an Environmental History of Residential Development in American Cities and Suburbs, 1870-1990,” Journal of Urban History 19 (1994): 407-434.

“American Farmers as Entrepreneurs, 1870-1900,” Agricultural History 56 (1982): 37-49.

ONLINE PUBLICATIONS:

“Conservation, Preservation, and Environmental Activism: A Survey of the Historical Literature.” Essay commissioned by the Organization of American Historians and the National Park Service.

INVITED PRESENTATIONS (selected):

Talks at Yale University, University of Pennsylvania, Princeton University, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, University of Virginia, University of Michigan, University of Wisconsin, New York University, University of Kansas, Ohio University, Oregon State University, University of Vermont, University of Kentucky, University of Connecticut, Portland State University, Chicago Historical Society, and Pennsylvania Historical Museum.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS:

Eighteen presentations at meetings of the American Historical Association, the Organization of American Historians, the American Society for Environmental History, the Society for the History of Technology, the Society for American City and Regional Planning History, the American Association of Geographers, and the Agricultural History Society.

PUBLIC HISTORY CONSULTING:

University of Wisconsin Institute for Environmental Studies, 2009. I was the consulting scholar for a website – <http://www.nelsonearthday.net> – and two temporary museum exhibits about the career of U.S. Senator Gaylord Nelson and the history of Earth Day.

Rochester (NY) Museum & Science Center, 2004. I helped to design a major new exhibit, “NatureZone,” as part of a National Endowment for the Humanities project.

MAJOR SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION:

Editor, Environmental History, 2002 – 2005

Committees of the American Society for Environmental History, the Urban History Association, and the Society for the History of the Gilded Age and Progressive Era.

JOURNALISM EXPERIENCE:

Wichita Eagle-Beacon: Editorial writer, 1984 – 1986; Reporter, 1986 – 1988.

Project Director, “Hidden Places,” 1983 – 1984:

With a \$17,800 grant from the Kansas Committee for the Humanities, I produced a series of radio documentaries and newspaper articles about little-known historical places in Kansas. I also organized a series of “Hidden Places” public programs around the state.