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EDUCATION:

Ph.D. History, Florida State University, 2010

Primary Fields: US South, Modern U.S., Environmental History

Dissertation: "Prophet of the Glades: Ernest Coe and the Fight for Everglades National Park"

M.A. History, Florida State University, 2004

Master's Thesis: "Cultural Modernization in Southern Cotton Mills"

B.A. History, Florida International University, 2000

EMPLOYMENT:

College of Coastal of Georgia

Associate Professor, 2018-Present

Assistant Professor, 2012-2018

Florida State University

Adjunct Professor, 2010-2012

Graduate Instructor, 2006-2009

Tallahassee Community College

Adjunct Professor, 2005, 2011-2012

PUBLICATIONS:

Books:

From Swamp to Wetland: The Creation of Everglades National Park, forthcoming July 2022, University of Georgia Press, Environmental History of the American South Series

Articles:

"Marine Environmental Politics in Post-WWII Florida." In preparation.

"Poaching in the Park: Marjory Stoneman Douglas's Alligator Crossing and the Social Dimensions of Preservation." Manuscript under Revision

"Monster Comics, Wetlands, and the Weird: Steve Gerber's Man-Thing and Alan Moore's Swamp Thing," *Pulse: The Journal of Science and Culture*, Vol 8 (2021).

"An Outstanding Conservationist with Great Ability: Bill Mellor and the Fight to Protect Florida's Bays," *Florida Historical Quarterly*, 99 (Summer/Fall 2020) 94-124.

"Conservatives in the Everglades: Sun Belt Environmentalism and the Creation of Everglades National Park," *Journal of Southern History*, 82 (November 2016) 759-788.

"For the Birds: Challenging Wilderness in the Everglades," *Journal of Environmental Studies and Sciences*, 3 (June 2013) 153-166.

"Pragmatism, Seminoles, and Science: Opposition to Progressive Everglades Drainage," *Florida Historical Quarterly*, 90 (Spring 2012) 426-452.

Book Reviews:

- Swamp Peddlers: How Lot Sellers, Land Scammer, and Retirees Built Modern Florida and Transformed the American Dream*, *Journal of Southern History*, forthcoming.
- Shipwrecked: Coastal Disasters and the Making of the American Beach* by Jamin Wells, *North Carolina Historical Review*, 2021.
- Frontiers of Science: Imperialism and Natural Knowledge in the Gulf South Borderlands, 1500-1800* by Cameron B. Strange, *Florida Historical Quarterly*, 2019.
- Indian River Lagoon: An Environmental History* by Nathaniel Osborne, *Environmental History*, January 2018.
- Landscapes of Exclusion: State Parks and Jim Crow in the American South* by William E. O'Brien, *Journal of Southern History*, February 2017.
- The Slain Wood: Papermaking and Its Environmental Consequences in the American South* by William Boyd, *North Carolina Historical Review*, April 2016.
- Forgotten Men and Fallen Women: The Cultural Politics of New Deal Narratives* by Holly Allen, H-Florida Listserv, December 2015.
- Arcadian America: The Death and Life of an Environmental Tradition* by Aaron Sachs, H-Florida Listserv, cross-posted to H-Environment Listserv, December 2015.
- Seeing Green: The Use and Abuse of American Environmental Images* by Finis Dunaway, H-Environment Listserv, June 2015.
- River of Interests: Water Management in South Florida and the Everglades, 1948-2010* by Matthew C. Godfrey and Theodore Catton, *Florida Historical Quarterly*, Fall 2013.
- Fields of Vision: Essay on the Travels of William Bartram*, edited by Kathryn E. Holland Braund and Charlotte M. Porter and *William Bartram, The Search for Nature's Design: Selected Art, Letters, and Unpublished Writings*, edited by Thomas Hallock and Nancy E. Hoffman, *North Carolina Historical Review*, July 2011.
- American Vanguard: The United Auto Workers during the Reuther Years, 1935-1970*, by John Barnard, *Michigan Historical Review*, 2005.
- Saving South Beach*, by M. Barron Stofik, H-Florida Listserv, 2005.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS and INVITED TALKS:

Conference Presentations:

- "Brunswick, Georgia's Confederate Monument: History, Memory, Politics," Georgia Association of Historians, February 2022.
- "Marine Preservation and Florida's Shipwreck Preserves," North American Society for Oceanic History Annual Conference, June 2021 (Originally scheduled for May 2020 and canceled due to COVID-19).
- "Seagrass-Roots Environmentalism: The Lee County Conservation Association and Marine Preservation in Florida," Georgia Association of Historians Annual Meeting, February 2019.
- "Florida's Aquatic Preserves: The Internal Improvement Fund and the Interagency Commission," Florida Historical Society Annual Meeting, May 2018.
- "Transnational Tropicality in Everglades National Park," Southern Historical Association Annual Meeting, November 2016.
- "The Fight for Everglades National Park and Marjory Stoneman Douglas's *Alligator Crossing*," American Society of Environmental Historians Conference, March 2015.

- “Everglades Biodiversity in Children’s Fiction: 1880-Present.” Children’s Literature Association, 41st Annual Conference, June 2014.
- “Ecological Trauma and Representations of Wetlands in Len Wien’s *Man-Thing*, Steve Gerber’s *Man-Thing* and Alan Moore’s *Swamp-Thing*.” University of Florida Conference on Comics and Graphic Novels, April 2014.
- “Service Learning and Podcasting: An Experiment in Local History and Local Activism.” Georgia Association of Historians Conference, February 2014.
- “Property Rights in the Everglades: Mineral Rights in Wetlands.” Dimensions of Political Ecology Conference, March 2013.
- “Oil or Tourism: Sunbelt Economics in Florida’s Everglades National Park.” Georgia Association of Historians Conference, February 2013.
- “Sunbelt Environmentalism: Post-WWII Tourism and Economic Development in Everglades National Park.” Florida Conference of Historians, February 2012.
- “Wilderness and Ecology in Everglades National Park.” Florida Historical Society Annual Meeting, May 2010.
- “Preservation in the Everglades: Commercial Exploitation and the Idea of Wilderness.” Florida Conference of Historians, February 2010.
- “Ernest Coe, Everglades National Park, and the Conceptualization of the Everglades.” American Society of Environmental Historians Conference, February 2009.
- “The Emotional and Cultural Effects of the New Deal: Life Histories of Cotton Mill Workers.” Allen Morris Conference, January 2006.

Other Conference activities:

- Session Organizer and Chair: “Activism into Art, Art into Activism” American Society of Environmental Historians Conference, March 2015.
- Session Chair and Commentator, “Taming Nature or Being Tamed by It? Engineering across Time,” Georgia Association of Historians Conference, February 2015.
- Session Co-Organizer: “Digital Teaching Strategies: Blogs, Podcasts, Databases, and Digital Exhibits.” Georgia Association of Historians Conference, February 2014.
- Session Organizer: “Property Regimes and Ecological Preservation.” Dimensions of Political Ecology Conference, March 2013.

Invited Talks:

- “Marine Preservation in Florida.” 7th Annual Jerrel H. Shofner Lecutre Series on Florida History and Culture, October 2019.
- “The Ecological and Intellectual Origins of Alan Moore’s *Swamp Thing*.” Jekyll Island Comic Convention, Invited Presentation, December 2014.
- “Everglades National Park and the Birth of Modern Environmentalism.” Invited Presentation, College of Coastal Georgia Coastal Scholars Program, November 2013.

Editorials:

- “Confederate Monuments Bolster an Inaccurate History of the Civil War,” October 7, 2020, *The Brunswick News*.

RESEARCH GRANTS:

Summer Research Fellowship, College of Coastal Georgia, Summer 2017
Summer Research Fellowship, College of Coastal Georgia, Summer 2016
Lubin-Winant Research Fellowship, Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt Institute, 2009
Cecilia L. Johnson Grant for Visiting Graduate Scholars, University of Florida, 2009
J. Leitch Wright Jr. Research Grant, Florida State University, 2003

CLASSES TAUGHT:

College of Coastal Georgia:

US Since 1945	HIST 3073
Video Games in History	HIST 4000
American Political History	HIST 4101
American Environmental History	HIST 3160
Introduction to Environmental Studies	AMST 3400
American Cultural Movements	AMST 3780
Georgia History	HIST 3101
U.S. Social and Cultural History	HIST 3332
U.S. History I (Traditional, Hybrid, and Online)	HIST 2111
U.S. History II (Traditional, Hybrid, and Online)	HIST 2112
Honors U.S. History II	HIST 2112H
Global Issues	GLOB 1001

Florida State University:

U.S. 1920-1945	AMH 4231
New South	AMH 4403
U.S. since 1865	AMH 2020
Race and Ethnicity	AMH 2097

Tallahassee Community College:

World Civilizations II	WOH 2022
U.S. to 1865	AMH 2010
U.S. since 1865	AMH 2020
American Experience I	AMH 1041
American Experience II	AMH 1050

TEACHING AWARDS and NOMINATIONS

Nominated for Professor of the Year, College of Coastal Georgia, 2014, 2015, 2016
Nominated for Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award, Florida State University, 2006

ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS:

Director of the Honors Program

College of Coastal Georgia, Summer 2017 – Summer 2019

Chair of the Faculty Senate

College of Coastal Georgia, 2016-17 Academic Year

History Program Coordinator

College of Coastal Georgia, 2015-2017

ADVISING AND STUDENT CLUB ACTIVITES

At the College of Coastal Georgia:

Urban Gaming Club Co-Advisor	Spring 2013 – Spring 2016
Coastal Environmental Association Founding Co-Advisor	Fall 2015
American Studies Club Founding Advisor	Spring 2014 – Spring 2016
Advisor for Honors Students	Summer 2017-Present
Advisor for AS in History	Fall 2012 - Present
Advisor for BA in American Studies	Spring 2013 – Present

INSTITUTIONAL SERVICE (At the College of Coastal Georgia):

Promotion and Tenure College Committee (Chair)	2021-2022 Academic Year
Promotion and Tenure College Committee	2020-2021 Academic Year
Honors Program Advisory Council	2019-2022 Academic Years
Political Science Search Committee	2019-2020 Academic Year
History Degree Committee (Chair)	Fall 2018
Website Committee (Chair)	2018-2021 Academic Years
Advising Committee	2018-2019 Academic Year
Director of the Honors Program	Summer 2017 –Summer 2019
Chair of the Faculty Senate	2016-17 Academic Year
Sociology Faculty Search Committee	Summer 2017
History Faculty Search Committee (Chair)	Spring 2017
Environmental Sciences Degree Committee	Spring 2017
Tenure Procedure Review Taskforce	Spring 2017
Academic Integrity Policy Taskforce	Spring 2017
Committee on Performance Evaluations	2016-17 Academic Year
Member of the President’s Cabinet	2016-17 Academic Year
College Curriculum Committee	2016-17 Academic Year
Library Renovation Committee	2016-17 Academic Year
Human Resources Advisory Committee	2016-17 Academic Year
Space Committee	2016-17 Academic Year
History Program Coordinator	2015-2017 Academic Years
Dean of Arts and Sciences Search Committee	Fall 2015, 2016-17 Academic Year
Interim Dean of Arts and Sciences Search Committee	Fall 2015
Committee on Admissions and Scholastic Standing	2012-13, 2015-16 Academic Years
Faculty Senator At-Large	2015-16 Academic Year
Honors Program Advisory Committee	2014-16 Academic Years
Library Faculty Senate Committee	2014-2015 Academic Year
Vice President of Academic Affairs Search Committee	2014-15 Academic Year
Social Science Chair Search Committee	2014-15 Academic Year
History Faculty Search Committee (Chair)	Fall 2013
Vice President of Academic Affairs Search Committee	2013-14 Academic Year
Student Activities Committee	2013-14 Academic Year
American Studies Degree Committee	Fall 2012

COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND DIGITAL HISTORY PROJECTS

City of Brunswick Committee on Brunswick's Confederate Monument Summer/Fall 2020
Brunswick, Georgia History Podcasts
(4 episodes recorded by students)
Humans in the Everglades
(In progress GIS project)

INSTRUCTIONAL DEVELOPMENT (Major activities only)

Service Learning Training Spring 2013
Semester-long seminar at the College of Coastal Georgia
Academy of Teaching, Learning, and Success Fall 2011
Semester-long Seminar at Tallahassee Community College
Teaching College History Fall 2006
4 credit Graduate Course at Florida State University