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EDUCATION

- 2020-2025 **University of Kansas**, Lawrence, Kansas
Ph.D., History
Exam Fields: U.S. History to 1900 (emphases on borderlands, the environment, and the North American West); U.S. History since 1900; Indigenous History
Graduate Certificate: Indigenous Studies Program (completed Fall 2021)
Dissertation: “The North Woods: An Environmental History from the Pleistocene to the Pyrocene”
Committee: Andrew C. Isenberg (Chair), Kent Blansett, Elaine M. Nelson, Robert C. Schwaller, Joseph P. Brewer II, Daniel Immerwahr (Northwestern University)
- 2018-2020 **University of Montana**, Missoula, Montana
M.A., History
- 2014-2018 **University of Wisconsin—Eau Claire**, Eau Claire, Wisconsin
B.A., History, *magna cum laude*
Minors: Ancient Studies; American Indian Studies; Ojibwe Language (Certificate)

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- 2025-2027 **Minnesota Historical Society**, Saint Paul, Minnesota
Gale Scholar, Research Historian, 2025-2027
- 2024-2026 **University of Central Missouri**, Warrensburg, Missouri
Adjunct Professor of History, 2024-2026
- 2020-2025 **University of Kansas**, Lawrence, Kansas
Mellon Foundation Arts Research Integration Fellow, Spencer Museum of Art, 2023-2024
Graduate Assistant, Western History Association, 2021-2022
Research Assistant, 2021
Graduate Teaching Assistant, 2020, 2023, 2024-2025
- 2018-2020 **University of Montana**, Missoula, Montana
Archival Assistant, University Archives and Special Collections, 2019-2020
Graduate Teaching Assistant, 2018-2020

PUBLICATIONS

Works in Progress

- Hayden L. Nelson, *The North Woods: An Environmental History* (monograph in progress).
- Hayden L. Nelson, “The Interpreter and the Witness: Pretty Shield, Frank Bird Linderman, and Historical Translation in the American West,” (working title) in *Translating and Interpreting the American West*, Andrew Offenburger and Patricia Nelson Limerick, eds. (chapter in progress).
- Hayden L. Nelson, “‘To cut the throats of the lumbermen’: Logging, Waste, and the Sawdust Question in the Twin Cities,” (article in progress).
- Hayden L. Nelson, “Getting the Lead Out: Forests, Minerals, and Settler Extractivism in the Old Northwest, 1804-1837,” (submitted).

Hayden L. Nelson, “‘They take our fields from us and burn our houses’: Property Destruction, Indigenous Removal, and the Environmental Realities of Bleeding Kansas, 1854-1860,” (submitted).

Books (Editor)

- Forth. Brian James Leech, Sarah Mittlefehldt, **Hayden L. Nelson**, and Jeff Schramm, eds., *The Extractive Midwest* (in progress).
- Forth. Hayden L. Nelson, ed., *Logging in Minnesota: A Brief History with Documents* (in progress).

Peer-Reviewed Articles and Book Chapters

- Forth. **Hayden L. Nelson** and William Convery, “‘The Most Distant of Your Children’: Mni Sóta Makoce in the Revolutionary Era,” *Minnesota History* (accepted, scheduled for publication in Winter 2027 volume).
- Forth. Hayden L. Nelson, “Ruby Scofield Doyle: A Mother, Her Diary, and Her World on a Montana Sheep Ranch, 1922-1923,” *Montana The Magazine of Western History* (accepted, scheduled for publication in Winter 2027 volume).
- Forth. Hayden L. Nelson, “The Environmental History of the American Christmas Tree,” *Germinate: Environmental History Review* Special Issue: December (accepted, scheduled for publication in December 2026).
- 2026 Hayden L. Nelson, “From In’zhúje’waxóbe to Big Red Rock: Confronting the Settler Colonial Past and Present of Lawrence, Kansas,” in *Shokhí: A Kan̄ga Relative, a Monument, and Rematriation*, C. Huffman, Tai S. Edwards, and Jay T. Johnson, eds. (Lawrence: University Press of Kansas).
- 2026 Hayden L. Nelson, “The Colonization of Montana’s Milk River Valley, 1879-1889,” in *The Missouri, America’s Longest River: A Cultural and Environmental History*, Jon K. Lauck and Harry F. Thompson, eds. (Sioux Falls: Center for Western Studies / Augustana University Press).
- 2024 Melinda M. Adams, Janine Antoni, Suzan Hampton, **Hayden L. Nelson**, Joey Orr, Sheena Parsons, Karl Ramberg, Keith Van de Riet, “*here-ing*: Place-Based, Artistic Research at a Biological Field Station,” *Ground Works*, an Alliance for the Arts in Research Universities (a2ru) publication (December 2024): published online [here](#).
- 2024 Hayden L. Nelson, “Smoke from their Fires; Or, Environment and Region in Canada and the Upper Midwest,” *Middle West Review* Special Issue: Regional Geography(ies) of the Midwest 11, no. 1 (Fall 2024): 89-111.
- 2024 Curtis Kekahbah and **Hayden L. Nelson**, with C. Huffman and Tai S. Edwards, “In̄, Mōyó̄n̄, Shokhí (Rock, Theft, Returning Home): Rematriating In’zhúje’waxóbe,” *Kansas History: A Journal of the Central Plains* 47, no. 2 (Summer 2024): 110-125.

Bibliographies, Blog Posts, and Encyclopedia Entries

- Forth. Hayden L. Nelson, “Forests and Tourism,” *Oxford Bibliographies in Environmental History*.
- 2026 Hayden L. Nelson, “[Forest Fires](#),” MNopedia, July 27, 2026.
- 2026 Hayden L. Nelson, “[Commercial Logging, 1839-1949](#),” MNopedia, July 27, 2026.
- 2026 Hayden L. Nelson, “[Origins of Commercial Logging, 1821-1839](#),” MNopedia, July 1, 2026.
- 2026 Hayden L. Nelson, “[The Past, Present, and Future of Forest Fires](#),” in the *Tracking the Effects: Environmental History and the Current United States Federal Administration* series, NiCHE: Network in Canadian History & Environment / Nouvelle initiative canadienne en histoire de l’environnement, June 13, 2026.
- 2026 Hayden L. Nelson, “[Virginia and Rainy Lake Company](#),” MNopedia, January 21, 2026.

Selected Book Reviews & Review Essays

- Forth. Clifton Crais, *The Killing Age: How Violence Made the Modern World* (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2025), *Animal History*.
- 2026 Cathy Coats, *To Banish Forever: A Secret Society, the Ho-Chunk, and Ethnic Cleansing in Minnesota* (St. Paul: Minnesota Historical Society Press, 2024), *Minnesota History* 70, no. 2 (Summer 2026): 77.
- 2025 Char Miller, ed., *Burn Scars: A Documentary History of Fire Suppression, from Colonial Origins to the Resurgence of Cultural Burning* (Corvallis: Oregon State University Press, 2024), *H-Environment* (July 2025): published online [here](#).
- 2025 Willa Hammitt Brown, *Gentlemen of the Woods: Manhood, Myth, and the American Lumberjack* (Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press, 2025), *Minnesota History* 65, no. 5 (Spring 2025): 213.
- 2025 Carol Cornelius, *A History in Indigenous Voices: Menominee, Ho-Chunk, Oneida, Stockbridge, and Brothertown Interactions in the Removal Era* (Madison: Wisconsin Historical Society Press, 2023), *Ethnohistory* 72, no. 2 (Spring 2025): 240-241.
- 2025 Erik Kojola, *Mining the Heartland: Nature, Place, and Populism on the Iron Range* (New York: NYU Press, 2023), *Western Historical Quarterly* 56, no. 1 (Spring 2025): 85-86.
- 2024 Allan Greer, ed., *Before Canada: Northern North America in a Connected World* (Montreal: McGill-Queen's University Press, 2024), *H-Environment* (October 2024): published online [here](#).
- 2024 Jon K. Lauck and Gleaves Whitney, eds., *The North Country: Essays on the Upper Midwest and Regional Identity* (Norman: University of Oklahoma Press, 2023), *Middle West Review* 11, no. 1 (Fall 2024): 231-233.
- 2024 Dave Peters, *Sand and Fire: Exploring a Rare Pine Barrens Landscape* (Madison: Wisconsin Historical Society Press, 2023), *Environmental History* 29, no. 2 (April 2024): 380-382.
- 2023 John Suval, *Dangerous Ground: Squatters, Statesmen, and the Antebellum Rupture of American Democracy* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2022), *Kansas History: A Journal of the Central Plains* 46, no. 4 (Winter 2023): 268-269.
- 2023 Brian Frehner and Kathleen A. Brosnan, eds., *The Greater Plains: Rethinking a Region's Environmental Histories* (Lincoln: University of Nebraska Press, 2021), *Environmental History* 28, no. 3 (July 2023): 586-587.
- 2023 Justin B. Richland, *Cooperation Without Submission: Indigenous Jurisdictions in Native Nation-US Engagements* (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2021), *Great Plains Quarterly* 43, no. 1 (Winter 2023): 108-109.
- 2022 Alicia Puglionesi, *In Whose Ruins: Power, Possession, and the Landscapes of American Empire* (New York: Scribner, 2022), *H-Environment* (October 2022): published online [here](#).
- 2022 David C. Beyreis, *Blood in the Borderlands: Conflict, Kinship, and the Bent Family, 1821-1920* (Lincoln: University of Nebraska Press, 2020), *Kansas History: A Journal of the Central Plains* 45, no. 2 (Summer 2022): 142.
- 2022 R. Grace Morgan, *Beaver, Bison, Horse: The Traditional Knowledge and Ecology of the Northern Great Plains* (Regina: University of Regina Press, 2020), *South Dakota History* 52, no. 2 (Summer 2022): 189-190.
- 2021 Joshua Specht, *Red Meat Republic: A Hoof-to-Table History of How Beef Changed America* (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2019), *Middle West Review* 7, no. 2 (Spring 2021): 96-98.

AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND HONORS

National

- 2026 Alfred D. Bell Jr. Travel Grant. Forest History Society. Durham, North Carolina. Summer.
- 2026 Applied History Fellow. University of Colorado Boulder Applied History Initiative. Boulder, Colorado. Summer.

- 2026 H-Net Editor Project Fellowship (for “The Extractive Midwest” volume). Summer.
- 2026 Bentley Historical Library Research Fellowship. Bentley Historical Library, University of Michigan. Ann Arbor, Michigan. Summer.
- 2026 Public History Research, Dissemination, Outreach, and Exhibition Grant. Agricultural History Society. January.
- 2025 Graduate Travel Grant. Midwestern History Association. Des Moines, Iowa. Spring.
- 2025 ASEH/NSF Travel Grant. American Society for Environmental History. Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Spring.
- 2025 Dianna Levine Memorial Scholar-in-Residence Program. Grey Towers Heritage Association at Grey Towers National Historic Site. Milford, Pennsylvania. January.
- 2024 Travel Grant. Mining History Association. Park City, Utah. Summer.
- 2024 ASEH/NSF Travel Grant. American Society for Environmental History. Denver, Colorado. Spring.
- 2023 Environmental History Fellow. American Society for Environmental History. Fall.
- 2023 ASEH/NSF Travel Grant. American Society for Environmental History. Boston, Massachusetts. Spring.
- 2022 Charles Redd Center Travel Award. Pacific Coast Branch of the American Historical Association. Portland, Oregon. Summer.
- 2022 Travel Scholarship. University of California, Irvine. Spring.
- 2021 Gordon Morris Bakken Scholarship in Western History. Phi Alpha Theta National History Honors Society. Summer.
- 2021 Alfred M. Landon Historical Research Grant. Kansas State Historical Society. Summer.
- 2021 Research Grant. Mining History Association. Summer.

Institutional

- 2025 Whitney & Elizabeth MacMillan Fellowship Program (WEM Foundation). Minnesota Historical Society. Fall.
- 2025 George L. Anderson Outstanding Dissertation Award. University of Kansas History Department. Spring.
- 2024 Departmental Travel Funding. University of Kansas History Department. Spring.
- 2023 KU-Newberry Library Consortium Research Award. University of Kansas / Newberry Library. Fall 2023.
- 2022 Doctoral Student Research Fund Award. University of Kansas. Fall.
- 2022 Center for American History Graduate Research Award. University of Kansas. Summer.
- 2022 Arthur & Judith McClure Graduate Scholarship in History. University of Kansas. Summer.
- 2021 Center for American History Graduate Research Award. University of Kansas. Summer.
- 2019 Demers/Price Endowment for Montana History. University of Montana. Summer.
- 2019 John T. McNay, Sr. Memorial Award. University of Montana. Spring.
- 2018 Winifred Alice Vincent Taylor and Emmett Gordon Taylor Memorial Scholarship in Montana and Western History. University of Montana. Fall.
- 2017 Louis Warzecha Memorial Scholarship. University of Wisconsin—Eau Claire. Fall.

- 2017 Jane M. Pederson and Ronald E. Mickel History Scholarship. University of Wisconsin—Eau Claire. Fall.
- 2017 “Cahokia: Reshaping the Future by Relearning the Past.” Summer Research Experience for Undergraduates Student-Faculty Research Grant. University of Wisconsin—Eau Claire. Summer.
- 2017 Dagny Midelfort Award for Excellence in Ojibwe Language. University of Wisconsin—Eau Claire. Spring.
- 2016 Ronald E. McNair Post-baccalaureate Achievement Program Scholar. University of Wisconsin—Eau Claire.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor of Record

University of Central Missouri (Online, asynchronous position)

- Fall 2026 HIST.1351 “History of the United States from 1877” (Undergraduate lecture course). 8-week course.
- Fall 2026 HIST.1350 “History of the United States to 1877” (Undergraduate lecture course).
- Spring 2026 HIST.1351 “History of the United States from 1877” (Undergraduate lecture course). 8-week course.
- Spring 2026 HIST.1350 “History of the United States to 1877” (Undergraduate lecture course).
- Fall 2025 HIST.1350 “History of the United States to 1877” (Undergraduate lecture course).
- Spring 2025 HIST.1351 “History of the United States from 1877” (Undergraduate lecture course). Two sections, one 8-week course.
- Fall 2024 HIST.1351 “History of the United States from 1877” (Undergraduate lecture course).

Teaching Assistantships

University of Kansas

- Spring 2025 HIST.129 “History of the United States After the Civil War” Supervised by Dr. Tiffany González, Dept. of History.
- Fall 2024 HIST.128 “History of the United States Through the Civil War” Supervised by Dr. Chad R. Holmes, Dept. of Classics.
- Spring 2023 HIST.150 “Around the World in Eight Dishes: Introduction to Food History” (Online Course). Supervised by Dr. Eric C. Rath, Dept. of History.
- Fall 2020 HIST.128 “History of the United States Through the Civil War” (Online Course). Supervised by Dr. Andrew C. Isenberg, Dept. of History.

University of Montana

- Spring 2020 HSTA.316 “The Civil War Era” (Online Course). Supervised by Dr. Patrick O’Connor, Dept. of History.
- Fall 2019 HSTA.101 “American History I” Supervised by Dr. Kyle G. Volk, Dept. of History.
- Spring 2019 HSTR.102 “Western Civilization II” Supervised by Dr. Robert H. Greene, Dept. of History.
- Fall 2018 HSTA.255 “Montana History” Supervised by Dr. Jeff Wiltse, Dept. of History.

University of Wisconsin—Eau Claire

- Fall 2017 FLTR.205.901 “Classical Mythology.” Supervised by Dr. Matthew Waters, Dept. of Languages.

PUBLIC HISTORY, COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT, AND CURATORIAL EXPERIENCE

Creator and Curator, [Great Lakes Forest Fire History Digital Archive](#). August 2025-Present.

Research and Production, *Minnesota Unraveled: Pulling on the Threads of Minnesota History*, a podcast by the Minnesota Historical Society. July 2025-March 2026.

- [She Is Here Now: Eliza Winston and Slavery in Minnesota](#). January-March 2026.
- [All You See is Past: Histories of Star Knowledge](#). January-March 2026.
- [Eating the Iron Range: A Cultural Culinary History](#). November-December 2025.

Sites Interpretive Signage (SIS) Reinterpretation of Minnesota Historical Society Sites. July 2025-March 2026.

- [Fort Ridgely](#). August-March 2026.
- [Historic Forestville](#). August 2025.
- [Split Rock Lighthouse](#). July-December 2025.

Researcher and Consultant, *Heart of the Country* (Ravanna Films), script in-progress. November 2024-Present.

Public Program Developer and Tour Lead. A collaboration between Spencer Museum of Art and KU Field Station, Kansas Biological Survey and Center for Ecological Research. April 2024 and June 2024.

Curatorial Assistant to Dr. Joey Orr, Curator for Research, Spencer Museum of Art, University of Kansas on the following exhibits:

- *Loss and Liberation*. Proposal accepted for Fall 2026, exhibit forthcoming.
- [Reading the World](#). Fall 2023.
- [here-ing](#) by Janine Antoni. Fall 2023.
- [Black Writing](#). Fall 2023.

Scholars on Site Research Project. "Historicizing the Big Red Rock: Adding to the Archival Record to Community Decision-Making about Reinterpreting or Repatriating the Lawrence 'Pioneer Monument.'" Supervised by Dr. Sara Gregg, Dept. of History, University of Kansas. Served as Graduate Research Assistant throughout 2021.

"Biichiweé / I'll Tell A Story." Poster Exhibit. Maureen and Mike Mansfield Library at the University of Montana. Missoula, Montana. Exhibit displayed October 2019-September 2020.

This exhibit focused on the Crow medicine woman Shitchísh, otherwise known as Pretty Shield, utilizing her perspective to track the monumental shifts that she witnessed in the Northern Plains in the late-nineteenth and early-twentieth centuries. Some of these changes included: consequences of increased warfare in Crow society; the introduction of horses into Crow society; first-hand accounts of smallpox epidemics in Crow society; the introduction of guns into Crow society; some personal relationships that Shitchísh developed during her life, especially to her husband, Goes Ahead, and the writer and ethnographer, Frank Bird Linderman.

CONFERENCE ACTIVITY

Chair

- 2026 "Landscape Transformation and Ecological Crisis in Indigenous America." American Society for Environmental History Annual Conference. Kansas City, Missouri, March 26.
- 2025 "Re-envisioning the U.S. History Survey: A Confluence of Environmental Perspectives." Roundtable discussion. American Society for Environmental History Annual Conference. Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, April 12.
- 2022 "Digital Resources for Graduate Students." Pacific Coast Branch of the American Historical Association Annual Conference. Portland, Oregon, August 11.

Panels Organized

- 2025 Co-organizer. "Dammed: Humans, Beavers, and Water Retention in the American West." Western History Association Annual Conference. Albuquerque, New Mexico. October 15-18.
- 2025 "New Directions in Forest History." Roundtable. American Society for Environmental History Annual Conference. Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. April 12.
- 2024 "Deep Cuts: Forests and United States History." American Society for Environmental History Annual Conference. Denver, Colorado. April 3.
- 2023 "Controlling Nature: Environmental Sites of Liberation, Dispossession, and Oppression." American Society for Environmental History Annual Conference. Boston, Massachusetts. March 25.
- 2022 "Empire, Violence, and Identity in Nineteenth Century Western Borderlands." Western History Association Annual Conference. San Antonio, Texas. October 15.
- 2022 "Brain Storming Roundtable: Early-Stage Academic Research Presentations." Western History Association Annual Conference. San Antonio, Texas. October 12.
- 2022 "Legacies of Conquest: Place, Identity, and Settler Colonialism in the Great Lakes and Great Plains." American Society of Ethnohistory Annual Conference. Lawrence, Kansas. September 8.
- 2022 "Digital Resources for Graduate Students." Pacific Coast Branch of the American Historical Association Annual Conference. Portland, Oregon, August 10.

Presentations

- 2026 "Publishing and Contingency: Experiences, Challenges, and Strategies." Roundtable discussion. Western History Association Annual Conference. Portland, Oregon. October 21-24.
- 2026 "Teaching the Lewis and Clark Expedition In and Out of the Classroom." Roundtable discussion. Western History Association Annual Conference. Portland, Oregon. October 21-24.
- 2026 "'as if all the world were burning up': Sensory Experiences of Forest Fires in the Western Great Lakes, 1870-1920." Paper Presentation. Midwestern History Association Annual Conference. Oxford, Ohio. April 30-May 1.
- 2026 "Seeing the Forest for the Trees in American History." Roundtable discussion. American Society for Environmental History Annual Conference. Kansas City, Missouri. March 26.
- 2025 "Dammed: Humans, Beavers, and Water Retention in the American West." Roundtable discussion. Western History Association Annual Conference. Albuquerque, New Mexico. October 15-18.
- 2025 "The North Woods: Imperial Ambitions in an Environmental Borderland, 1680-1820." Paper Presentation. Western History Association Annual Conference. Albuquerque, New Mexico. October 15-18.
- 2025 "'The hemlock, like the Indian, must go': Industrial Logging, Forestry, and the Rhetoric of Removal in the Western Great Lakes." Paper Presentation. Midwestern History Association Annual Conference. Des Moines, Iowa. May 15.
- 2025 "New Directions in Forest History." Roundtable discussion. American Society for Environmental History Annual Conference. Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. April 10.
- 2024 "The Chippewa Pinery: Lead, Lumber, and Indigenous Dispossession, 1817-1837." Paper Presentation. Western History Association Annual Conference. Kansas City, Missouri. October 23.
- 2024 "Getting the Lead Out: Mining, Smelting, and Deforestation in the Upper Mississippi Mineral Region." Paper Presentation. Mining History Association Annual Conference. Park City, Utah. June 7.

- 2024 “‘A Logger’s Paradise’: Industrial Capitalism and Indigenous Dispossession in the Chippewa Pinery, 1820-1848.” Paper Presentation. American Society for Environmental History Annual Conference. Denver, Colorado. April 4.
- 2024 “‘All the wilderness...is called by the Indians the Moschettoe Country’: The Nature of Encounter in the Lake Superior Watershed.” Paper Presentation. Kansas Association of Historians Annual Conference. Hays, Kansas. March 22.
- 2024 “‘Dammed: The Fur Trade and Its Effects on Forested Wetlands.’” Paper Presentation. Wetland Science Conference of the Wisconsin Wetlands Association. Green Bay, Wisconsin. February 22.
- 2023 “‘Reconstructing the Milk River Valley: Capitalism, Colonization, and Environment in the Northern Montana Borderlands, 1879-1889.’” Paper Presentation. Pacific Coast Branch of the American Historical Association Annual Conference. Northridge, California. August 11.
- 2023 “‘Pining for a Woodlot: Wood Scarcity, Lumber Trade, and Timber Theft in Territorial Kansas.’” Paper Presentation. Agricultural History Society Annual Conference. Knoxville, Tennessee. June 9.
- 2023 “‘An Empire of Land’: Capitalism, Colonization, and the Commodification of the Milk River Valley, 1879-1889.” Paper Presentation via Zoom. University of Lethbridge Border Studies Biennial Conference. Lethbridge, Alberta, Canada. June 8.
- 2023 “‘The Other Bleeding Kansas: Timber Theft, Property Destruction, and Indigenous Removal in Territorial Kansas.’” Paper Presentation. Kansas Association of Historians Annual Conference. Overland Park, Kansas. March 31.
- 2023 “‘Saw-Mills and Liberty!’: Timber Theft, Property Destruction, and Indigenous Removal in Territorial Kansas.” Paper Presentation. American Society for Environmental History Annual Conference. Boston, Massachusetts. March 25.
- 2023 “‘To Found this State in Righteousness?’: Lawrence, Kansas and the Complex Identities of Settler Colonialism.” Paper Presentation via Zoom. American Association of Geographers Annual Conference. Denver, Colorado, March 24.
- 2022 “‘An Empire of Land’: Military Occupation and the Commodification of Land in the Northern Montana Borderlands, 1879-1893.” Paper Presentation. Western History Association Annual Conference. San Antonio, Texas. October 15.
- 2022 “‘Brain Storming Roundtable: Early-Stage Academic Research Presentations.’” Roundtable Discussion. Western History Association Annual Conference. San Antonio, Texas. October 12.
- 2022 “‘Manifestations of Identity: Settler Colonialism and Decolonial Repatriation in Lawrence, Kansas.’” Paper Presentation. American Society of Ethnohistory Annual Conference. Lawrence, Kansas. September 8.
- 2022 “‘Breaking Isolation: Community and Comprehensive Exams.’” Roundtable Discussion. Pacific Coast Branch of the American Historical Association Annual Conference. Portland, Oregon. August 10.
- 2022 “‘From In ‘zhúje ‘waxóbe to Big Red Rock: Confronting the Settler Colonial Past and Present of Lawrence, Kansas.’” Paper Presentation. University of California, Irvine History Graduate Student Association Conference. Irvine, California. April 29.
- 2022 “‘From In ‘zhúje ‘waxóbe to Big Red Rock: Confronting the Settler Colonial Past and Present of Lawrence, Kansas.’” Paper Presentation. Kansas Association of Historians Annual Conference. Wichita, Kansas. March 25.
- 2019 “‘Every Reason Under Heaven’: Federal Policy and Native Welfare at Rocky Boy’s Reservation, 1885-1925.” Paper Presentation. 2019 Phi Alpha Theta Northwest Regional Conference at Idaho State University. Pocatello, Idaho. April 12.
- 2018 “‘On Racial Frontiers: The Function of Race in America, 1800-1860.’” Poster Presentation. Celebration of Excellence in Research and Creative Activity (CERCA) Day at the University of Wisconsin—Eau Claire. Eau Claire, Wisconsin. May 3.

- 2018 “Cahokia: Reshaping the Future by Relearning the Past.” Poster Presentation. TRIO Day at the University of Wisconsin—Eau Claire. Eau Claire, Wisconsin. April 3.
- 2017 “Cahokia: Reshaping the Future by Relearning the Past.” Oral Presentation. 18th Annual McNair Scholars Research Symposium at the University of Wisconsin—Eau Claire. Eau Claire, Wisconsin. December 13.
- 2017 “Cahokia: Reshaping the Future by Relearning the Past.” Poster Presentation. 26th Annual National Ronald E. McNair Research Conference & Graduate School Recruitment Fair. Schaumburg, Illinois. October 21.

INTERVIEWS, INVITED LECTURES, WORKSHOPS, AND PUBLIC TALKS

Interviews

- 2025 “[Beaver Tales: From Minnesota’s Ice Age to Today](#),” podcast interview for *Minnesota Unraveled*. Episode released on November 20, 2025.
- 2025 “Beaver History and Ecology,” phone interview with Izzy Hoefler, an undergraduate honors student at Coastal Carolina University, for her “Charismatic Megafauna” course, April 8.

Lectures

- 2024 ““To Found This State in Righteousness?: Settler Colonialism and Its Legacies in Kansas, 1850s-Present.” Virtual Guest Lecture for Geography 491 “Advanced Topics in Geography: Indigenous Environmental Activism.” Course taught by Dr. Deondre Smiles. University of Victoria, Victoria, British Columbia, Canada. January 17.
- 2023 ““To Found This State in Righteousness?: The Kanza Sacred Red Rock and the Conflicted Identities of Lawrence, Kansas.” Guest Lecturer for HIST. 348 “History of the Peoples of Kansas.” Course taught by Dr. Rachel Schwaller, University of Kansas. March 1.
- 2023 “The Other Bleeding Kansas: Timber Theft, Terrorism, and Indigenous Removal.” Guest Lecturer for HIST. 348 “History of the Peoples of Kansas.” Course taught by Dr. Rachel Schwaller, University of Kansas. February 27.

Workshops and Seminars

- 2026 “Interpreters in North American Wests and the Pacific Rim” Symposium. University of Colorado Boulder Applied History Initiative. Boulder, Colorado. July 17-18.
- 2024 “The Forests of the Fur Trade: Animals, Extraction, and the Environmental Transformation of the North Woods.” Massachusetts Historical Society Environmental History Seminar. Online via Zoom. November 13.
- 2023 ““Saw-Mills and Liberty!?: Timber Resources, Property, and Removal in Territorial Kansas.” Paper Presentation. American Society for Environmental History Fellow Workshop. Online via Zoom. November 7.
- 2023 ““Saw-Mills and Liberty!?: Timber Resources, Property, and Removal in Territorial Kansas.” Paper Presentation. Hall Center for the Humanities Colonialism Seminar. University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas. November 6.
- 2023 “The Wooden West: Industrial Capitalism and Indigenous Dispossession in the North Woods, 1830-1860.” Paper Presentation. 17th Annual Western History Dissertation Workshop. University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas. May 18-19.
- 2022 ““An Empire of Land?: Military Occupation and the Commodification of Land in the Northern Montana Borderlands, 1879-1893.” Paper Presentation. Environmental History Brownbag Workshop at the University of Kansas. Lawrence, Kansas. October 3.

- 2020 “More than a Housewife: Life and the Domestic Economy of a Montana Sheep Ranch, 1922-1923.” Paper Presentation via Zoom. Environmental History Brownbag Workshop at the University of Kansas. Lawrence, Kansas. November 20.
- 2019 “‘Every Reason Under Heaven’: Federal Policy and Native Welfare at Rocky Boy’s Reservation, 1885-1925.” Paper Presentation. Lockridge History Workshop at the University of Montana. Missoula, Montana, October 14.

Talks

- 2026 “The Virginia and Rainy Lake Company and the End of the Pine Logging Era in Minnesota.” Invited Talk at the International Falls Public Library. International Falls, Minnesota. July 14.
- 2026 “The Midwestern Roots of Forestry: Industrialization, Indigenous Lands, and the Environment, 1867-1933.” Grey Towers Heritage Association. Virtual Webinar. April 22.
- 2025 “The Fur Trade and the North Woods Environment.” Wetlands Coffee Break with the Wisconsin Wetlands Association. Online via Zoom. March 14.
- 2023 “Mourning in the Adirondacks: Sanford Robinson Gifford and the Post-Civil War Creation of the Adirondack Forest Preserve.” Art Start Talk at the Spencer Museum of Art. University of Kansas. December 6.
- 2021 “Reflections on My Experience as a McNair Scholar and Tips for Graduate School.” Invited Talk via Zoom. McNair Program Senior Cohort at the University of Wisconsin—Eau Claire. Eau Claire, Wisconsin. October 21.

LANGUAGE COMPETENCIES

English (native)
 Spanish, French (professional reading and oral comprehension)
 Anishinaabemowin (basic oral and reading comprehension)

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

- 2027-2028 Chair. Committee on Contingent and Adjunct Faculty. Western History Association.
- 2026-2027 Co-Chair. Committee on Contingent and Adjunct Faculty. Western History Association.
- 2026 Committee on Contingent and Adjunct Faculty. Western History Association.
- 2025 Co-organizer. ASEH Connects: Environmental Humanities in Government Spaces virtual panel. January 24.
- 2024-2025 Chair. American Society for Environmental History Early Career Caucus.
- 2023-2024 Fundraising Volunteer. Together with ASEH. American Society for Environmental History.
- 2023-2024 Chair-Elect. American Society for Environmental History Early Career Caucus.
- 2022-2023 Events Coordinator. Pacific Coast Branch of the American Historical Association Graduate Caucus.
- 2021-2023 Editor and Book Review Editor. H-Borderlands, Humanities and Social Sciences Online (H-Net).
- 2020-2022 Newsletter Editor. Western History Association Graduate Student Caucus.

Prize Committees

- 2025 Solon J. Buck Award and Theodore C. Blegen Award Committee. Minnesota Historical Society.

Manuscript Reviews

Manuscript referee, 2024-Present: Journal of Arizona History, Minnesota History

SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITY & THE DEPARTMENT

2024	Organizer and Speaker. “Graduate Student Reflections on their First Semesters as Instructor of Record.” Roundtable Q&A with KU History Graduate Students. University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas. December 3.
2024	Prescribed Burn Crew. KU Field Station, Kansas Biological Survey and Center for Ecological Research, Lawrence, Kansas. March 28.
2023-2024	Social Chair. History Graduate Student Organization. University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas. Fall-Spring.
2023	Judge. Undergraduate Research Symposium. University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas. April 17-21.
2022-2023	Graduate Student Representative. History Department Faculty Governance Committee. University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas. Fall-Spring.
2022-2023	Organizer. Environmental History Brownbag Workshop. University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas. Fall-Spring.

SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

2026	National History Day in Minnesota, Minnesota History Day State Contest Judge. Virtual Senior Essays.
2024	Prairie Reseeding and Restoration. University of Kansas Field Station. Lawrence, Kansas. March 12.
2024-2025	Volunteer Archival Assistant. Haskell Indian Nations University Cultural Center & Museum. Lawrence, Kansas. Fall-Spring.
2023	National History Day in Kansas, Kansas History Day State Contest Judge. Seaman Middle School. Topeka, Kansas. April 22.
2023	Park Cleanup Day at Black Jack Battlefield National Historic Landmark. Wellsville, Kansas. Spring.
2022	Honoring Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women (MMIW) Awareness Desk. Lawrence, Kansas. Spring.
2022	Earth Day Clean-up Volunteer at Hidden Valley Camp. Lawrence, Kansas. Spring.
2022	Park Cleanup Day at Black Jack Battlefield National Historic Landmark. Wellsville, Kansas. Spring.
2020	National History Day in Montana, Bitterroot Regional Contest Judge. Big Sky High School. Missoula, Montana. March 6.
2018	National History Day in Wisconsin, Eau Claire Regional Contest Judge. University of Wisconsin—Eau Claire. Eau Claire, Wisconsin. March 8.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Forest History Association of Wisconsin, Member since 2024
Canadian Historical Association, Member since 2023
Forest History Society, Member since 2022
Association for Borderlands Studies, Member since 2022
American Society for Environmental History, Member since 2020
Native American and Indigenous Studies Association, Member since 2017
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