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Employment

Assistant Professor of History, Claremont McKenna College	2012-present
Assistant Professor of History, Reed College, Portland OR	2009-2012
Consortium for Faculty Diversity Fellow, Reed College, Portland OR	2008-2009

Education

Stanford University, Stanford CA

MA/Ph.D., history, 2008

Dissertation: "A Squatters' Republic: Land Rights, Reform, and Anti-Monopoly in California and the Nation, 1850-1920," Advisor: Richard White

Amherst College, Amherst MA

B.A., history and French, 2000

Phi Beta Kappa, *Magna Cum Laude*, and honors in history

Publications

Book:

- *A Squatter's Republic: Land and the Politics of Monopoly in California, 1850-1900*, 2013, Western History Series, University of California Press and the Huntington Library Press

Articles:

- "Curiosity or Cure?: Chinese Medicine and American Orientalism in Progressive Era California and Oregon," *Oregon Historical Quarterly*, vol. 114, no. 3, Fall 2013, pp. 266-291.
- "'A more loyal Union loving people can nowhere be found:' Secession Anxiety in California and the 1861 'Settlers' War' in San Jose," *Western Historical Quarterly*, vol. XLI, no. 4, Winter 2010, pp. 473-494.
- "Unmaking Historic Spaces: San Francisco, Urban Progress, and the Cemetery Debate, 1895 to 1937," *California History*, vol. 85, no. 3, June 2008, pp. 26-47.
- "Negotiating Multiple Identities: The Chinese Students Club at Stanford University, 1916-1945," *Sandstone and Tile*, vol. 29, no. 2/3, Fall 2005, pp. 17-31.

Book Reviews:

- Review of *Securing the West: Politics, Public Lands, and the Fate of the Old Republic, 1785-1850*, by John R. Van Atta (Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, 2014), forthcoming 2015.

- Review of *An Archeology of Asian Transnationalism*, *Pacific Historical Review*, forthcoming 2014
- Review of *Freedom's Frontier: California and the Struggle over Unfree Labor, Emancipation, and Reconstruction*, *Western Historical Quarterly*, vol. XLV, no. 3, Autumn 2014, pp. 343-344.
- Review of *Seattle and the Roots of Urban Sustainability: Inventing Ecotopia*, *Journal of Environmental History*, vol. 16, no. 2, April 2011, pp. 343-345.
- "A History of Violence: Review of Jean Pfaelzer's *Driven Out*," H-California, February 2010.

Awards, Fellowships, & Grants

- Wood Institute Travel Grant, College of Physicians of Philadelphia, 2015-2016
- Honorable Mention, Palmer Award, Oregon Historical Society, 2014
- Evelyn S. Nation Fellowship, Huntington Library, 2013
- Diversity Course Development Grant, Claremont McKenna College, 2013
- Donald J. Sterling Senior Research Fellow, Oregon Historical Society, 2012
- Dean of Faculty Summer Scholarship Grant, Reed College, 2009-2011
- Rosenfield Prize for Outstanding Dissertation, Stanford University, 2008
- David Potter Fellowship, Stanford University, 2007-2008
- Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Fellowship, Huntington Library, 2007
- Centennial Teaching Award, Stanford University, 2006
- Center for Teaching and Learning Grant, Stanford University, 2005-2006
- Forris Jewett Moore Fellowship, Amherst College, 2004, 2005
- Winner, Stanford Historical Society Essay Contest, 2004
- Henry P. Field Fellowship, Amherst College, 2004
- Humanities and Social Sciences Fellowship, Stanford University, 2002-2007

Conferences and Presentations

- "Too Big to Fail? Stephen Mallory White, the Southern Pacific, and the Transformation of Anti-Monopolist Politics in California and the Nation" to be presented at the American Society for Legal History Annual Meeting, Denver, CO, November 2014
- "Maria Amparo Ruiz de Burton and Alice M. Brown: Gender and Race in the Defense of Mexican and Japanese Land Rights in California's Gilded Age and Progressive Era" presented at the Pacific Coast Branch of the American Historical Association Annual Meeting, Portland, OR, August 2014
- "Nature's Remedies and Meanings: An Environmental History of Chinese Medicine in Progressive Era America," presented at the Rachel Carson Center, Munich, Germany, July 2014
- "Imagining Asian Landscapes of Health," presented at the American Society for Environmental History Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA, March 2014.

- "Nature's Own Remedies: Chinese Herbalists in Progressive Era California and Oregon" presented at the Western History Association Annual Meeting, Tucson, AZ, October 2013
- "Oriental Healers and Yellow Quacks: Chinese Doctors in Progressive Era California and Oregon," presented at the Western Association of Women Historians Annual Meeting, Portland, OR, May 2013
- Moderator and Responder, "The Mythic West," Graduate Student History Association, Claremont Graduate University, Claremont, CA, April 2013
- "Chinese Medicine, White Bodies: Race, Gender, and American Orientalism in the Progressive Era," presented at the Pacific Coast Branch of the American Historical Association Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA, August 2012
- Chair, "Missions and Miners: Creating Place, Memory, and Community in the American Southwest," and "Japan, the United States, and the Pacific in the Twentieth Century," Pacific Coast Branch of the American Historical Association Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA, August 2011
- "Telling Stories about Squatters: Land Reform Lessons from the Gold Rush," presented at the Western History Association Annual Meeting, Incline Village, NV, October 2010
- "Squatters or Secessionists?: The San Jose Settlers' War of 1861," presented at the Pacific Coast Branch of the American Historical Association Annual Meeting, Santa Clara, CA, August 2010
- "Land Thieves or *Bona Fide* Settlers?: The Case of Charles Robinson, from California Squatter to Free-Soil Kansas Governor," presented at the Western History Association Annual Meeting, Salt Lake City, UT, October 2008
- "Squatters and Speculators: The Sacramento Squatter Riots of 1850," presented at the Western History Association Annual Meeting, Oklahoma City, OK, October 2007
- "Agrarianism for the Industrial Age: Land, Labor, and Henry George" presented at the Agricultural History Society Annual Meeting, Ames, Iowa, June 2007
- "Outcasts in Heaven Itself: A New Look at Henry George's Antimonopolism and Exclusionism," presented at History of Capitalism in North America Conference, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, October 2006
- "From California Land Reform to National Immigration Restriction: The Life and Afterlife of Henry George," presented at Pacific Coast Branch of the American Historical Association Annual Meeting, Stanford University, Stanford, CA, August 2006
- "Places of the Dead: Urban Progress and the San Francisco Cemetery Debate," presented at Pacific Coast Branch of the American Historical Association Annual Meeting, San Jose, CA, August 2004

Referee

- *Journal of the Gilded Age and Progressive Era*
- *Oregon Historical Quarterly*
- *California History*
- *California Journal of Politics and Policy*

Academic Service

- Affiliated Faculty, Intercollegiate Department of Asian American Studies (IDAAS), Claremont Colleges, 2013-present
- Affiliated Faculty, Environmental Analysis Program at the Claremont Colleges, 2012-present
- Administration Committee, Claremont McKenna College, 2014-present
- Student Recruitment Committee, Claremont McKenna College, 2014-present
- Hiring Committee, Early American History, Claremont McKenna College, 2014-2015
- Committee on Religious Affairs, Claremont McKenna College, 2013-2014
- Hiring Committee, History of Brazil, Claremont McKenna College, 2012-2013
- Environmental Studies Committee, Reed College, 2009-2012
- Computing Policy Committee, Reed College, 2010-2012
- Sustainability Committee, Reed College, 2010-2012
- Bookstore Board, Reed College, 2009-2010
- Hiring Committee, Environmental History/Modern America (Visiting), Reed College, 2011-2012
- Hiring Committee, German History (Visiting), Reed College, 2010-2011
- Hiring Committee, Environmental Politics, Reed College, 2009-2010; 2010-2011
- Hiring Committee, Environmental Chemistry (Visiting), Reed College, 2010-2011
- Hiring Committee, East Asian History (Visiting), Reed College, 2009-2010

Other Experience

- Scholar Presenter, "*Dust, Drought, and Dreams Gone Dry: A Traveling Exhibition and Public Programs for Libraries about the Dust Bowl*," Pasadena Public Library, Pasadena, CA, September 2014.
- Historical Consultant, *Dead Man's Burden* (Flat Iron Films, 2013)
- Visiting Scholar, Department of History, Wesleyan University, 2007-2008
- Archival Researcher, "The California Gold Rush," American Experience Series (Yellow Jersey Films and KQED, 2006)
- Program Coordinator, Coe Summer Workshop for High School Teachers of American History, Stanford University, 2006
- Colloquium Advisory Committee, Bill Lane Center for the Study of the North American West, Stanford University, 2005-2007
- Consultant, Monitor Group, Cambridge, MA, 2000-2002