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# CURRICULUM VITAE

## EDUCATION

- *The University of Texas at Austin*
  Ph.D. in American history; minor field in Geography and the Environment
  (ABD; anticipated completion in Spring 2013)
- *Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas*
  M.B.A. in Business Process Reengineering (1993)
- *The University of Texas at Austin*
  B.B.A. in Management (1991)

## DISSERTATION

"Bordering North America: Constructing Wilderness Along the Periphery of Canada, Mexico, and the United States"
Supervisor: Dr. Erika Bsumek
Committee Members: Dr. H.W. Brands, Dr. Steven Hoelscher, Dr. Benjamin Johnson, Dr. John McKiernan-Gonzalez

## PROSPECTIVE TEACHING FIELDS

Comprehensive Exam Fields: U.S. History (pre/post Civil War), Environmental History
Additional Fields: American West, Borderlands, 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

- 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

## AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS, continued

- 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

*Southwestern University (Georgetown, Texas)*

- Adjunct Instructor - Texas History Survey (Spring 2013)

*The University of Texas at Austin*

- Teaching Assistant:
    - 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)
- *National Park Service, Yosemite, California*
  Volunteer Seasonal Ranger, Yosemite National Park Wilderness Division (Summer 2005)
- *Accenture (formerly Andersen Consulting), Austin, Texas*
  Senior Consultant, Public Sector Consulting Group (1993-1996)

## PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

- (Upcoming) May 2013. "Waterton/Glacier: The Business of Parks and Preservation in the North American Borderlands." 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. Selected proceedings from the colloquium will be published as a special issue of the *American Review of Canadian Studies*.
- 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.

**PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS, continued**

- 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.
- April 2012. "Ronald Reagan and the Origins of the New American Right in the U.S. West." Guest Lecture for HIS 356G: The U.S. West in the Twentieth Century, Department of History, University of Texas at Austin.
- 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.
- April 2011. "'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.
- 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.
- February 2011. "National Parks in the American West." Guest Lecture for HIS 356G: The U.S. West in the Twentieth Century, Department of History, University of Texas at Austin.
- March 2010. "Environmental History and the National Parks." Article for Spring 2010 ASEH News (co-authored with Alison Steiner), American Society for Environmental History.
- November 2009. "World War II: National Parks and Indian Patriotism." Guest Lecture for HIS 317: History of Native American Peoples, Department of History, 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.
- April 2009. "Native Americans and National Parks." Guest Lecture for HIS 317: Introduction to Native American History, Department of History, University of Texas at Austin.
- November 2008. "Environmentalism in the Post-war Era." Guest Lecture for HIS 356G: The U.S. West in the Twentieth Century, Department of History, University of Texas at Austin.
- 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.
- February 2008. "National Parks in the American West." Guest Lecture for HIS 356G: The U.S. West in the Twentieth Century, Department of History, University of Texas at Austin.
- November 2007. "Dispossession and the Wilderness Ideal." Guest Lecture for HIS 317: Introduction to Native American History, Department of History, University of Texas at Austin.
- 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.
- March 2007. "Indian Land Dispossession in the National Parks of the United States." Guest Lecture for HIS 317: Introduction to Native American History, Department of History, University of Texas at Austin.
- November 2006. "Historical and Environmental Perspectives on Yosemite National Park." Guest Lecture for GRG 336C: National Parks and Protected Areas, Department of Geography and the Environment, University of Texas at Austin.

## 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

- 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
- Canadian Parks Service Archives: Waterton Lakes National Park and Gatineau, Quebec
- Canadian National Archives, Ottawa, Ontario
- Arthur Carhart National Wilderness Training Center Library, Missoula, MT
- Lorenzo De Zavala Texas State Archives, Austin, TX
- 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
- 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)