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EDUCATION

University of Utah Salt Lake City, Utah

PhD, American History 2024

University of Colorado at Boulder Boulder, Colorado

M.A., American History 2013

University of Colorado at Denver Denver, Colorado

B.A., History

UNIVERSITY TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor, Introduction to American History (History 1700), Class sizes: 80-300 students. University of Utah, 2021-2024.

Utah Technical University, 2022 (online).

Teaching Assistant for: Introduction to American History, Modern History of East Asia, History of Business, Nazi Germany and the Holocaust, Senior Seminar on the Historian's Craft.

PUBLICATIONS

"Nature's Tax: How Eastern North America's Environmental Conditions Degraded British Military Power, Increased Imperial Costs, and Frayed Metropolitan-Colonial Relations, 1762-1770," PhD diss., (University of Utah, 2024).

"Blood in the Water: A Digital History Project on the Geography of Pontiac's War, 1763." Environment & Society Portal, *Arcadia* (Autumn 2018), no. 22. Rachel Carson Center for Environment and Society. doi.org/10.5282/rcc/8460.

"Pontiac's War," in *An Encyclopedia of American Racial Violence*, Michael Pfeifer, ed. ABC-CLIO. Forthcoming.

Cartographer for W. Paul Reeve's, "Reconstruction, Religion, and the West: The Great Impeacher Meets the Mormons," Journal of Mormon History, Vol. 46, No. 2 (April 2020), pp. 5-45.

Work in Progress with Thomas Chase Hagood and Kelly Dugan: "Dreaming of Yazoo." An educational game intended for publication in the Reacting to the Past series.

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Colonial America, 18th Century Atlantic World, Geography, Seven Years' War, American Revolution, Intellectual History, Causes of Conflict, Environmental History, U.S. Foreign Policy

ACADEMIC CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Practicing History Conference. Salt Lake City, Utah "Geography and Occupation: The British Military in Boston, 1768-1770." 2017

Rocky Mountain Interdisciplinary Historical Conference. Boulder, Colorado "Ideas and Occupation: The British Military in Boston, 1768-1770." 2012

PROFESSIONAL TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Academic English Teacher, Business English Instructor London House School of English, Providence English Language Immersion Camp Chiang Mai, Thailand, Jun. 2015 – Sep. 2015

Developed and taught a college prep course for Thai students preparing to study in the U.S. Taught English reading, writing, and speaking to elementary, adolescent, and adult students. Trained Thai professionals working at an international airport in English communication skills.

Full-Time English Teacher / Private Tutor (ESL, IELTS, TEFL, TESOL, Grammar Editor) World English Language Tutorial School, Cebu City, Philippines, Dec. 2014 –Mar. 2015 Taught classes as a full-time ESL teacher to students from Korea, Japan, Taiwan, and China. Conducted examinations to determine English speaking proficiency levels for 30+ students. Created lesson plans for beginner, intermediate, and advanced English classes.

English Teacher (ESL, TEFL, TESOL, GRE Tutor) International TEFL Academy, Chicago, Illinois, Sep. – Oct. 2014

Certified as a Level V Teaching English as a Foreign Language (TEFL/TESOL) instructor. Developed English lessons for beginner, intermediate, and advanced students. Taught students from South America, Asia, and Europe how to speak, read, and write English. Tutored a foreign university student in English reading comprehension, grammar, and writing.

Military History Teacher, Marine Corps Martial Arts Program Instructor
Alpha Company, Marine Cryptologic Support Battalion, Aurora, Colorado 2004 – 2007
Taught military history, ethics, and leadership to develop young adults into responsible citizens.
Instructed military personnel in personal combat techniques, first aid, and self-defense.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Sales Agent, Reg Lenna Center for the Arts, Jamestown, N.Y., Apr. – Oct. 2014 Worked as a customer service representative and sales agent at a performing arts theater.

Nature Preservation Volunteer, Jamestown Audubon Society, Jamestown, N.Y. 2014 Trained as a trail guide and helped preserve a native ecosystem by managing invasive flora.

Freelance Writer, Jamestown Gazette Newspaper, Jamestown, N.Y., Nov. 2013 – Apr. 2014 Wrote three articles on war commemorations, food relief programs for the poor, and local living.

G.I.S. Analyst, HPSA Acumen, Jamestown New York, Nov. 2013 – Jan. 2014 Conducted digital mapping and data-driven research for commercial applications. Completed a forty-five-day independent contract for a medical research company.

Analyzed census data by using mapping software to identify medically underserved populations. Constructed an in-depth training manual for HPSA Acumen personnel and trained them in G.I.S.

Personnel and Logistics Manager for Boulder Mining Inc., Nome, Alaska, Summer 2013 Functioned as the personnel supervisor at a remote mining operation in Alaska charged with managing payroll, site safety, and logistics under austere conditions. Refined and transported gold for sale.

Researcher, Writer, Graduate Student, University of Colorado at Boulder, 2011-2013
Produced two academic articles of original research on the causes of the American Revolution.
Presented research at the Rocky Mountain Interdisciplinary Historical Conference.

Member of the Board of Directors, Meadow Hills HOA, Aurora CO, Jan. 2008 – Mar. 2011 Managed annual budgets in excess of \$500,000 to provide services to over 250 homeowners. Eliminated wasteful programs and implemented cost-saving measures to create budget surpluses. Implemented sound financial strategies to assuage the impact of the national housing crisis.

Software Tester / Trainer, G.I.S. Analyst, BitSystems Inc., Aurora CO Aug. 2007-Sep. 2011
Trained government organizations in G.I.S. analysis and reporting techniques.
Worked with computer scientists to improve G.I.S. software under development.
Assessed geo-spatial mapping software and recommend enhancements / reported defects.
Provided customer support to clients located throughout the world.
Maintained the highest volume of report writing on a ten-person analytical team for three years.
Continually recognized for coordinating effective customer service during crises.

G.I.S. Analyst, United States Marine Corps, Aug. 2002-Aug. 2007

Aided government policy makers by providing insight to developing crises and disasters. Trained and certified personnel in statistical and geo-spatial analysis.

Provided support to combat operations during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Made timely decisions that resulted in the preservation of lives.

Developed a concept of operations and supervised a customer service organization.

INTERNATIONAL WORK AND TRAVEL EXPERIENCE

I worked in the United States, Iraq, Germany, England, the Philippines, and Thailand.

I have travelled to Canada, Mexico, Belgium, France, Switzerland, the Czech Republic, Wales, Scotland, Russia, Cambodia, Laos, Vietnam, Singapore, and Kuwait. I completed a 67-day trans-Pacific crossing and Bering Sea patrol with the U.S. Coast Guard to protect American fisheries from poachers.

LANGUAGES

Intermediate French reading, speaking, writing. Basic Spanish reading.