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**Education:**

University of Virginia, 1988-1995  
M.A. in American History, 1990  
Ph.D. in American History, 1995  
Special Field: American South  
Minor Field: Early Medieval Europe  
Outside Field: Cultural Anthropology  
Dissertation: "Economy and Society in Appalachian  
Kentucky, 1850-1915"  
Dissertation director: Edward Ayers  
University of Wisconsin-Madison, 1982-1986  
B.A. in History and Anthropology  
Graduated with Distinction, Honors, and Phi Beta Kappa

**Books published:**

*Grasping at Independence: Debt, Male Authority, and Mineral Rights in Appalachian Kentucky, 1850-1915.* Knoxville: University of Tennessee Press, 2001.  
Editor, Documents Set, for Ayers, et al, *American Passages*, vol. I (Fort Worth: Harcourt Brace, 2000).

**Articles published:**

"Before the Great Society: Carl D. Perkins, Coal, and the Political Economy of Poverty in Eastern Kentucky, 1948-1964." Under review by the *Register of the Kentucky Historical Society*.  
"The Broad Form Deed." Entry in *Encyclopedia of Appalachia*. Knoxville: University of Tennessee Press. 2006.  
"The Kennedy Campaign, the Great Society, and the War on Poverty—Media." Entry in *Encyclopedia of Appalachia*. Knoxville: University of Tennessee Press. 2006.  
"AppalJ Roundtable Discussion: Robert S. Weise's *Grasping at Independence: Debt, Male Authority, and Mineral Rights in Appalachian Kentucky, 1830-1925 [sic]* . . . Robert Weise Responds." *Appalachian Journal* 30:1 (Fall, 2002): 104-113.  
"New Towns for Red Bird, Kentucky: Isolation and Civic Society in Twentieth-Century Discussions of Appalachian Poverty." *Journal of Appalachian Studies* 7:2 (Fall 2001): 273-284.

- "Remaking Red Bird: Isolation and the War on Poverty in a Rural Appalachian Locality," in Catherine McNicol Stock and Robert Johnston, eds., *The Countryside in the Age of the Modern State: Political Histories of Rural America*. Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 2001: 258-280.
- "Appalachian Regional Development Act." Entry in *Facts on File* (200?).
- "Property, Gender, and the Sale of Mineral Rights in Preindustrial Eastern Kentucky." *Journal of the Appalachian Studies Association* 7 (1995): 79-90.
- "Big Stone Gap and the New South, 1880-1900." in Edward L. Ayers and John C. Willis, eds., *The Edge of the South: Life in Nineteenth-Century Virginia*. Charlottesville: University Press of Virginia, 1991): 173-194.
- "Profits and Losses: The Coming of Coal Mining to Eastern Kentucky." *Now and Then* 7:1 (Spring, 1990): 26-29.

### **Conferences and Presentations:**

- "Altering the Rural Landscape of Eastern Kentucky: poverty and government anti-poverty policy in the 20<sup>th</sup> century" Forum on Rural History at Mississippi State (FARhMS).
- "Eastern Kentucky Connections to Washington in the 1950s: First Dispatches from the Papers of Congressman Carl D. Perkins." Appalachian Studies Association Conference. Dayton, OH. March, 2006.
- Organizer: seminar on War on Poverty in Kentucky. Eastern Kentucky University. April, 2005.
- "The Fraud of Poverty in Appalachia." Appalachian Days, Eastern Kentucky University. September 2004.
- Invited presentation on *Grasping at Independence*. Bluegrass Symposium. Lexington, KY. April, 2003.
- "Investigating Racial Cleansings in Eastern Kentucky." Appalachian Studies Association Conference. Richmond, Kentucky. March, 2003.
- "Civic Society in the Discourse of Rural Poverty in the Southern U.S., 1945-1970." Social Science History Association Conference. St. Louis, MO. October, 2002.
- "Isolation, Civic Society, and Poverty in the 'Problem South.'" Ohio Valley History Conference. Clarksville, TN. October, 2002.
- Panel discussant on *Grasping at Independence*. Appalachian Studies Association Conference. Unicoi, GA. March, 2002.
- "Isolation and Southern Rural Poverty: Civic Society in the 'Problem South.'" Southern Historical Association Conference. New Orleans, LA. November, 2001.
- "New Towns for Red Bird, Kentucky: Isolation and Civic Society in Twentieth Century Discussions of Appalachian Poverty." Appalachian Studies Association Conference. Snowshoe, WV. March, 2001.
- "Revisiting the Isolation Narrative of the Nineteenth-Century Rural South." Social Science History Association Conference. Pittsburgh, PA. November, 2000.

- “The Limits of Community in Nineteenth-Century Eastern Kentucky.”  
Appalachian Studies Association Conference. Knoxville, TN. March 2000.
- "Rethinking Narratives of Community and Resistance: Historical Scholarship and Activism in Appalachian Studies." Convener of panel entitled "History and Social Activism," in which this paper was a part. Appalachian Studies Association Conference. Boone, NC. March, 1998.
- Panel discussant on Wilma Dunaway, *The First American Frontier: Transition to Capitalism in Appalachia, 1700-1860* (Chapel Hill: UNC Press, 1996). Appalachian Studies Association Conference. Fort Thomas, KY. March, 1997.
- "Intra-household Relations and the Origins of Industrialization in Appalachian Kentucky." Social Science History Association Conference. New Orleans, LA. November, 1996.
- "Property, Gender, and the Sale of Mineral Rights in Preindustrial Eastern Kentucky." Appalachian Studies Association Conference. Blacksburg, VA. March, 1994.
- "Selling Mineral Rights on Right Beaver Creek, Kentucky." Appalachian Studies Association Conference. Johnson City, TN. March, 1993.

**Book Reviews:**

Many, published in *Appalachian Journal*, *Agricultural History*, *Georgia Historical Quarterly*, *Journal of Southern History*, *North Carolina Magazine of History*, *Ohio Valley History*, and *Register of the Kentucky Historical Society*.  
Recent reviews:

**Teaching Experience:**

Assistant Professor of History, Eastern Kentucky University. Fall, 1999 - 2003  
Associate Professor of History, Eastern Kentucky University. Fall 2003 - present

Courses taught:

- American Civilization to 1877
- American Civilization since 1877
- United States, 1877-1920
- Local History (undergraduate research course)
- United States South in the Nineteenth Century
- United States South in the Twentieth Century
- Civil War and Reconstruction
- Appalachia in United States History
- Senior Seminar in History (undergraduate research course)
- Readings in Early American History (graduate)
- Industrialization and Resistance in the New South (graduate)
- Power and Resistance in the Nineteenth-Century South(graduate)
- Poverty in the United States (graduate)
- United States in the 1890s (graduate)

Visiting Faculty, University of Missouri-Columbia. Fall 1995 - Spring 1999

Courses taught:

American History Survey to 1865  
American History Survey since 1865  
United States, 1918-1945  
Poverty in the United States  
American South to 1865  
American South since 1865  
Historical Memory in Southern Literature  
Appalachia and America  
Life in the Old South  
Defenders of Slavery  
Readings in the American South, 1877-1945 (graduate)

Instructor: University of Missouri-St. Louis. Spring 1994, Spring 1995

American History Survey to 1865

Instructor: East Central College, Union, Missouri. Fall 1994

American History Survey to 1865

Instructor: University of Virginia. Fall 1991

Appalachia Since Industrialization

Teaching Assistant/Grader: University of Virginia

American History Survey, 1500-present

Civil War and Reconstruction

American South in the Nineteenth Century

American South in the Twentieth Century

**Professional Service:**

Manuscript reader, *Journal of Appalachian Studies*; *Journal of Southern History*,  
University of Tennessee Press, University Press of Kentucky

Member, Kentucky Historic Preservation Review Board (Kentucky Heritage  
Council), September 2000- present.

Invited participant: Eastern Kentucky Leadership Conference. Grayson,  
Kentucky. April, 2004.

Program Committee, Appalachian Studies Association conference, Richmond,  
KY, March, 2003.

Participant, departmental hosting of the Ohio Valley History Conference,  
Richmond, KY, October, 2003.

Consultant for Curriculum Development. Southwest Pennsylvania Heritage  
Preservation Commission, Hollidaysburg, PA. Summer, 1996.

**University Service (Eastern Kentucky University):**

Department committees:

Chair's Advisory, 2005 - (chair, 2005 - 2007)

Promotion and Tenure, 2005 -

Outreach, 1999-2001 (chair, 1999-2000)

Merit-pay appeals, 1999-2001

Assessment, 1999-2001; 2002-2003 (chair, 2002-2003)  
 Ad Hoc Graduate Committee, 2000 (chair)  
 Curriculum, 2001 - 2002  
 Sabbatical Leave Committee, 2001- 2003 (chair, 2002-2003)  
 Merit Pay, 2003-2005 (chair, 2004-2005)  
 Social, 2003-2004  
 Academic Practices, 2004-2005  
**College and University Committees:**  
 Eastern Committee on Responsible Environmental Stewardship (chair, 2005-2007)  
 Teacher Education (2001-2003)  
 Sabbatical Leave (2002 -2003)  
 Advisory Board, Center for Kentucky History and Politics (2000 - 2002)  
 Advisory Board, Center for Appalachian Studies (1999 - )  
 Advisory Board, St. Stephen the Martyr Newman Center (2000-2002)  
**General University Service:**  
 Presentations on Appalachia, Community, and Environmental Sustainability for Earth Days in the Cumberlands, Music For the Mountains, and other EKU events  
 Organizer and presenter of several events and talks for classes and university community  
 Earth Days Committee, 2002-present  
 Participant, workshop on the Scholarship of Teaching, March, 2000.  
 Participant, faculty/library collaboration seminar, fall, 2000.

**Community Service:**

Various open houses, eco-tours, displays, and presentations concerning Appalachia, intentional communities, and environmental sustainability, for the Kentucky Energy Expo, Peace Fair, Appalachia-Science in the Public Interest, and the Catholic Diocese of Lexington, 2004-present.  
 Presentation at Big Sandy Valley Historical Association, Louisa, KY, November 13, 2004.  
 Presentation for “Celebrate Appalachia” week, EKU, Sept 13, 2004.  
 Presentation at Berea College Appalachian Center conference, Sept 21, 2001.  
 Presentation at Christian Appalachian Project Volunteer Appreciation Night, Prestonsburg, KY, April, 2000.  
 Presentation on the Living Wage campaign, for Peace, Justice, and Life Committee of St. Mark Catholic Church, Richmond, KY, September, 2000.  
 Presentation at Big Sandy Valley Historical Association, Louisa, KY, November 11, 2000.

**Fellowships and Grants:**

Participant, PT3 grant (Preparing Tomorrow’s Teachers to use Technology), College of Education, 2001-2003.  
 History cluster chair, PT3 grant (2001-2003)

Service Unit chair, PT3 grant (2001-2003)

Participant, grant from Kentucky Institute for Middle School Teachers  
(designing distance-learning graduate classes for middle school teachers),  
2002-2003

Dissertation Year Fellowship, University of Virginia; 1992-1993 academic year.  
Appalachian Studies Fellowship, Berea College; Summer, 1992.