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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:

"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.
"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.

"Appalachian Regional Development Act." Entry in Facts on File (forthcoming).

Conferences and Presentations:

"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.

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:

Brian Kelly, Race, Class, and Power in the Alabama Coalfields, 1908-1921. in Georgia Historical Quarterly 86 (fall 2002)
? in Journal of Southern History LXVIII:4 (November 2002)
Green Jones, Growing Up Hard in Harlan County, for Ohio Valley History 2:78-79 (2004)
Ken Fones-Wolf, ed., Transnational West Virginia, in Journal of Appalachian Studies
Cratis Williams, Tales from the Sacred Wind for Journal of Southern History, ?
Chad Montrie, To Save the Land and People, in Agricultural History, Winter 2006, Vol. 80:1, 118-120
Donald Davis, Homeplace Geography, in Journal of Southern History 73:3 (August 2007): 765
Anthony Harkins, Hillbilly, in Ohio Valley History 6:4 (winter 2006): 81-82
Edward Guerrant, The Galax Gatherers, for ?
Richard Straw, ed., High Mountains Rising, for H-Appalachia, forthcoming
Suzanne W. Jones and Mark Newman, eds Poverty and Progress in the U.S. South since 1920., in Journal of Southern History forthcoming

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
United States South in the Nineteenth Century
 United States South in the Twentieth Century
Civil War and Reconstruction
Appalachia in United States History
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)

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

Courses taught:

 Readings in the American South, 1877-1945 (graduate)
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

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

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-)

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:

Organizer and presenter of several events and talks for classes and university community: Fr. Roy

Bourgeois on the School of the Americas, September 21, 2001; Newman Center's "Ecotour of Appalachia," April 6-7, 2001; discussion of Inherit the Wind for ECU Chautauqua series on evolution, October, 2000.

Earth Days Committee, 2002-present

Participant, workshop on the Scholarship of Teaching, March, 2000.

Participant, faculty/library collaboration seminar, fall, 2000.

Professional Service:

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

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.

Community Service:

Presentation at Big Sandy Valley Historical Association, Louisa, KY, November 13, 2004.
Presentation for "Celebrate Appalachia" week, ECU, 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.
Trewartha Research Grant for Honors Majors, University of Wisconsin; Spring, 1986.

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