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**EDUCATION**

Ph.D.	U.S. History	University of Wisconsin–Madison	2004
M.A.	U.S. History	University of Wisconsin–Madison	1997
B.A.	History and English	Williams College	1995

**ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT**

2005-present	Macalester College, Environmental Studies	Assistant Professor
2004-2005	Davidson College, History	Visiting Asst. Prof.
Summer 2004	Cardinal Stritch University, History	Adjunct Professor
1999-2000	Northland College, History	Visiting Instructor
1997-2003	University of Wisconsin–Madison, History	Teaching Assistant

**OTHER EMPLOYMENT**

2001-2002	Scribner’s <i>Dictionary of American History</i>	Historian and Consultant
1996-1999	<i>The Wisconsin Magazine of History</i>	Book Review Editor
1995-1996	The American School in Switzerland, History	High School Teacher
1995-2003	Northfield-Mount Hermon Summer Session	High School Teacher

**PUBLICATIONS**

***Refereed Articles***

“Using a Class to Conduct a Carbon Inventory: An Academic Case Study with Practical Results,” *International Journal of Sustainability in Higher Education*, special issue on climate action planning on U.S. campuses, forthcoming June 2009. Co-authored with Suzanne Savanick and Christie Manning.

“The Road to the Model T: Culture, Road Conditions, and Innovation at the Dawn of the American Motor Age,” *Technology and Culture* 48 (July 2007): 497-523.

“The Changing Nature of Country Roads: Farmers, Reformers, and the Shifting Uses of Rural Space, 1880-1905,” *Agricultural History* 80 (Spring 2006): 143-166.

***Review Essays***

“Motorists, Engineer-Administrators, and Muddy-Boots Contractors: New Perspectives on the American Highway Revolution,” *Reviews in American History* 36 (Dec. 2008): 586-593.

### ***Solicited Essays***

“Response to Donald E. Worster, ‘On John Muir’s Trail,’” *Macalester Civic Forum* 2 (Summer 2008): 15-21.

### ***Book Reviews***

Review of David N. Lucsko, *The Business of Speed: The Hot Rod Industry in America, 1915-1990* (Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, 2008), *Journal of American History*, forthcoming.

Review of David Blanke, *Hell on Wheels: The Promise and Peril of America’s Car Culture, 1900-1940* (Lawrence: University Press of Kansas, 2007), *Journal of American History* (March 2008).

Review of Sally H. Clarke, *Trust and Power: Consumers, the Modern Corporation, and the Making of the United States Automobile Market* (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2007), *Technology and Culture* (Jan. 2008).

Review of Mark H. Rose, Bruce E. Seely, and Paul F. Barrett, *The Best Transportation System in the World: Railroads, Trucks, Airlines, and American Public Policy in the Twentieth Century*, H-Urban, H-Net Reviews (April 2007).

Review of Kathleen Franz, *Tinkering: Consumers Reinvent the Early Automobile* (Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2005), *History: Reviews of New Books* (Summer 2005).

Review of Peter Derrick, *Tunneling to the Future: The Story of the Great Subway Expansion That Saved New York* (New York: New York University Press, 2001), *Technology and Culture* (Oct. 2002).

Review of David Blanke, *Sowing the American Dream: How Consumer Culture Took Root in the Rural Midwest* (Athens: Ohio University Press, 2000), *The Wisconsin Magazine of History* (Summer 2002 supplement).

### ***Encyclopedia Articles***

“Environmental Movement” in Gary B. Nash, ed., *Encyclopedia of American History, Volume 9, Postwar United States: 1946-1968*, ed. Allan Winkler (New York: Facts on File, 2003), 101-102.

“Baby Boom” in Gary B. Nash, ed., *Encyclopedia of American History, Volume 9, Postwar United States: 1946-1968*, ed. Allan M. Winkler (New York: Facts on File, 2003), 29-30.

“Automobile” (co-authored with James J. Flink) in Stanley Kutler, ed., *The Dictionary of American History* (New York: Charles Scribner’s Sons, 2003), 366-370.

“Trucking Industry” (co-authored with Don H. Berkebile) in Stanley Kutler, ed., *The Dictionary of American History* (New York: Charles Scribner’s Sons, 2003), 230-231.

“Chronology of Cultural and Intellectual Events” in Mary Kupiec Cayton and Peter Williams, eds., *Encyclopedia of American Cultural and Intellectual History* (New York: Charles Scribner’s Sons, 2001), Volume I, xxix-lxxvi.

“Automobile Industry” in Paul Boyer, ed., *The Oxford Companion to United States History* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2001), 56-57.

“Household Technology” in Paul Boyer, ed., *The Oxford Companion to United States History* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2001), 348-349.

“John James Audubon” in Paul Boyer, ed., *The Oxford Companion to United States History* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2001), 55.

“Courtship and Dating” in Paul Boyer, ed., *The Oxford Companion to United States History* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2001), 164-165.

“Automobiles” in Tom and Sara Pendergast, eds., *St. James Encyclopedia of Popular Culture* (New York: St. James Press, 2000), 137-142.

“Bicycling” in Tom and Sara Pendergast, eds., *St. James Encyclopedia of Popular Culture* (New York: St. James Press, 2000), 245-246.

“Sunday Driving” in Tom and Sara Pendergast, eds., *St. James Encyclopedia of Popular Culture* (New York: St. James Press, 2000), 578-579.

“Negro World” in Derek Jones, ed., *Censorship: A World Encyclopedia* (London: Fitzroy Dearborn Publishers, 2000), 1686-1687.

“The Hypocrisy of the U.S. and Her Allies” in Derek Jones, ed., *Censorship: A World Encyclopedia* (London: Fitzroy Dearborn Publishers, 2000), 1132-1133.

### ***Printed Reviews of Scholarly Work***

John Staudenmaier, “In This Issue,” *Technology and Culture* (July 2007): 469.

Levinson Prize Citation for Christopher W. Wells, “Inventing the Automobile: Culture, Road Conditions, and Innovation at the Dawn of the Motor Age, 1895-1907,” citation printed in *Technology and Culture* (Jan. 2006): 125-126.

### **UNDER SUBMISSION**

“The Trojan Horse Parkway: Federal Law, Grassroots Environmental Protest, and Interstate-35E in Saint Paul, Minnesota,” submitted April 2, 2007, manuscript solicited by Clay McShane for an edited volume on the highway revolts of the 1960s and 1970s.

### **IN PROGRESS**

*Car Country: Automobiles, Roads, and the Origins of Car-Dependent Landscapes in the United States, 1890-1956*, book manuscript in progress, drafting stage. Under contract with the University of Washington Press’s Weyerhaeuser Environmental Books series, ed. William Cronon.

## PRESENTATIONS

### *Invited Scholarly Presentations*

“Automobiles and the Rise of Suburbia,” guest lecture at Carleton College, Nov. 5, 2008.

“Where *Do* We Go Next? Citizenship, the Public Good, and Moral Obligations to the Earth,” response to Donald Worster’s Keynote Address, second annual Macalester Civic Forum, March 27, 2008.

“Dearborn Meets the Jungle: Labor, the Environment, and Henry Ford’s Brazilian Rubber Plantations,” Henry Austin Clark Lecture, The Henry Ford, Dearborn, Mich., Nov. 29, 2001.

### *Presentations at National or International Conferences, Symposia, Workshops*

“Using a Class to Conduct a Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory: A Case Study from Macalester College,” with Suzanne Savanick Hansen and Justin Lee, Upper Midwest Association for Campus Sustainability Conference, Decorah, Iowa, April 19, 2008.

“Tradeoffs and Compromises: Environmental Historians in Environmental Studies Programs—Pedagogy,” American Society for Environmental History Conference, roundtable participant, Boise, Idaho, March 13, 2008.

“Rethinking the Federal Bulldozer: A Roundtable on Recent Urban Renewal and Highway Construction Research,” Society for American City and Regional Planning History Conference, roundtable participant, Portland, Maine, October 27, 2007.

“Race, Class, and Environmental Justice: Teaching, Public History, and Saint Paul’s Rondo Neighborhood,” Working Class Studies Conference, Saint Paul, Minn., June 16, 2007.

“History and Memory: Keeping Rondo Alive,” Organization of American Historians Conference, roundtable participant, Minneapolis, Minn., March 30, 2007.

Chair and Commentator for panel “Nature and Leisure in Northern Wisconsin and Minnesota,” Social Science History Association Conference, Minneapolis, Minn., November 2, 2006.

“Environmental Justice and Environmental Protest: I-94 and I-35E in Saint Paul, Minnesota,” Urban History Association Conference, Tempe, Ariz., October 20, 2006.

“Building for Traffic: Engineers, ‘Sound’ Roads, and the Path to Federal Aid,” Society for the History of Technology Conference, Minneapolis, Minn., November 4, 2005.

“Learning from Nature: Roads, Engineers, and the Lessons of the Natural World,” American Society for Environmental History Conference, Providence, R.I., March 27, 2003.

“From ‘Horseless Carriage’ to ‘Automobile’: Popular Culture and the Evolution of Early Motor Vehicles,” Great Lakes History Conference, Grand Rapids, Mich., October 26, 2002.

“‘Did you shoot a lot of Japs, Uncle Popeye?’: War, Race, and the Home Front in ‘Popeye the Sailor,’ 1937-1945,” New England Popular Culture Association, New Haven, Conn., November 3, 2001.

***Presentations at Regional or Local Conferences, Symposia, Workshops***

“Chemical Soup and ‘Natural Disaster’: Assessing Katrina from an Environmental Perspective,” *The Katrina Crisis: A Window on our National Condition*, Macalester College, September 22, 2005.

“A Forgotten Crusade: Legislation, Social Activism, and the Desegregation of California’s Public Schools, 1943-1947,” University of Wisconsin Symposium on Education, Madison, Wisc., March 14, 1997.

***Guest Lectures and Discussions***

Guest for discussion of Al Crosby, *The Columbian Exchange*, for HIST 394: European Environments to 1650, taught by Ellen Arnold, April 21, 2008.

Guest for discussion of Edward Abbey, *The Monkey Wrench Gang*, for ENVI 280: Environmental Classics, taught by Christie Manning, April 7, 2008.

Guest for discussion of environmental sustainability story ideas for HMCS 357: Advanced Journalism: Print, taught by Doug Stone, April 3, 2008.

“The Global in the Local: Rondo, I-94, and Environmental Justice,” for HIST 112: The Global in the Local, co-taught by Peter Rachleff and Lynn Hudson, November 14, 2007.

“Car Country and Project EcoHouse: Scholarship and Campus Sustainability,” Macalester College Alumni Board, October 20, 2007; and Macalester Advancement Office Faculty Talk, September 18, 2007.

“Project EcoHouse and Civic Engagement,” Civic Engagement Center Lunch Talk, March 27, 2007.

“Gender, Mobility, and the Bicycle,” for EXCO course: Bike Feminism, taught by Claire Stoscheck, March 22, 2007.

“The Environmental Studies Senior Seminar: Environmental Justice, I-94, and the Rondo,” for the Macalester College Student Affairs Division Professional Development Training, March 29, 2006.

“Environmental History: An Introduction,” for ENVI 133: Environmental Science, taught by Jerald Dosch, three times: December 9, 2005; April 21, 2006; and December 8, 2006.

“The Automobile and Climate Change,” for ENVI 355: Environmental Analysis and Problem Solving, taught by Roopali Phadke, December 8, 2005.

“Environmental History, Environmental Justice: An Introduction,” for HIST 194: The Global in the Local, co-taught by Peter Rachleff and Paul Solon, November 21, 2005.

## TEACHING

### *Courses at Macalester College*

- ENVI 488 Environmental Studies Senior Seminar (Spring '06, '07, '08)  
ENVI 345 Car Country: The Automobile and the American Environment (Fall '05, '07)  
ENVI 343 Imperial Nature: The United States and the Global Environment (Spring '07, '09)  
ENVI 340 Urban Environmental History (Fall '06, '08)  
ENVI 236 Consumer Nation: 20th-Century American Consumer Culture (Spring '06, '07, '08)  
ENVI 234 American Environmental History (Fall '05, '06, '07, '08)

## AWARDS, RECOGNITION, AND GRANTS

### *Professional Awards/Recognition*

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| 2005 | Levinson Prize                                 | Society for the History of Technology |
| 2003 | History Department Teaching Award              | University of Wisconsin-Madison       |
| 2002 | History Department Conference Travel Grant     | University of Wisconsin-Madison       |
| 2001 | Henry Austin Clark Fellowship                  | The Henry Ford                        |
| 2000 | Graduate School Domestic Research Travel Grant | University of Wisconsin-Madison       |
| 1998 | University Vilas Fellowship                    | University of Wisconsin-Madison       |
| 1998 | History Department Wharton Fellowship          | University of Wisconsin-Madison       |
| 1997 | History Department Pre-Dissertator Fellowship  | University of Wisconsin-Madison       |

### *Undergraduate Awards, Honors, or Other Recognition*

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| 1995 | <i>Phi Beta Kappa</i>            | Williams College            |
| 1995 | <i>Magna cum laude</i>           | Williams College            |
| 1995 | Honors in History                | Williams College            |
| 1995 | Scott Prize in History           | Williams College            |
| 1995 | Materne Fellowship in English    | Williams College            |
| 1995 | Class of 1964 Scholar in History | Williams College            |
| 1995 | Class of 1964 Scholar in English | Williams College            |
| 1991 | Georgia Pacific Scholarship      | Georgia Pacific Corporation |

### *Grants*

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| 2009 | Course Development Grant (for course "Three Rivers Environmental History")   | Three Rivers Center (\$5,000) |
| 2009 | Course Development Grant (for collaboration with the Minnesota Historical Society on the history of the Saint Croix River) | Three Rivers Center (\$5,000) |
| 2008 | Summer Student-Faculty Research Grant (Emily Dunn's project on the environmental history of the St. Croix Falls Dam)       | Three Rivers Center           |
| 2008 | Course Improvement Grant (for ENVI 234: American Environmental History)  | Three Rivers Center (\$1,000) |
| 2007 | Project EcoHouse Civic-Engagement Program  | Xcel Foundation (\$5,000)     |

## SERVICE

### *Membership in Professional Societies*

American Society for Environmental History  
Association for Environmental Studies and Sciences  
American Historical Association  
Organization of American Historians  
Society for the History of Technology

### *Professional Service*

Peer Reviewer	W. W. Norton	2008
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Local Arrangements Committee	American Society for Environmental History	2006
Selection Committee	Morris K. Udall Fellowship	2006
Peer Reviewer	Oxford University Press	2006
Peer Reviewer	W. W. Norton	2006
Peer Reviewer	<i>Minnesota History</i>	2006
Peer Reviewer	<i>Technology and Culture</i>	2005

### *Community Service*

Academic Adviser	True North lesson plan, "Rondo: Urban Renewal," grades 4-8.	Spring 2008
Co-Organizer	EcoHouse Civic Engagement Workshop	April 2008
Workshop Leader	"Radically Cutting Home Energy Consumption with a \$50,000 Investment: Macalester's Project EcoHouse," Greater Midway Home and Garden Show	Mar. 2008
Speaker	"Campus Sustainability," talk to Alumni Giving Societies	Mar. 2008
Podcast	Macalester "Faculty Talks" Podcast on Transportation	Feb. 2008
Talking Head	Interviewed on camera for a Minnesota History Day film project on Rondo (Ruby Thompson and Arielle Day)	Feb. 2008
Radio Guest	Guest on Minnesota Public Radio's "Midmorning," with Kerri Miller, "Where Are You in the Transportation Debate?"	Feb. 2008
Organizer	EcoHouse as Host Site for Minnesota Solar Tour	Oct. 2007
Podcast	Macalester "Faculty Talks" Podcast on EcoHouse	Oct. 2007
Presenter	Black History Month Launch Event, "Reflections of Rondo," at the Rondo Community Outreach Library	Feb. 2007
Organizer	Urban Gardening Reading Group (Macalester Experimental College course, co-convener with Sarah Claassen '08)	Spring 2007

### *Macalester College Service*

Chair	Macalester College Clean Energy Revolving Fund (CERF)	Jan. 2006-Sep. 2008
Chair	EcoHouse Advisory Board	Fall 2007-Sep. 2008
Member	EcoHouse Advisory Board	Sep. 2008-present
Adviser	Macalester Focus the Nation Organizing Committee	2007-2008
Member	Macalester Community Recognition Committee	Spring 2008
Member	Institute for Global Citizenship Building Steering Committee	2007-2008
Member	Three Rivers Center Faculty and Staff	Summer 2007-present

### *Macalester College Service (cont'd)*

Member	Macalester Social Science Institutional Review Board	Fall 2006-Spring 2008
Member	E.S. Department Search Committee (climate scientist)	Fall 2007
Member	History Department Search Committee (Latin American)	Fall 2007-present
Primary Organizer	Focus the Nation's Midwest Regional Launch Workshop	Sep. 13, 2007
Adviser	EcoHouse Student Advisory Group	Spring 2007
Honor's Adviser	Ariel Trahan (Environmental Studies)	2006-2007
Member	Environmental Studies External Review Team	2006-2007
Member	E.S. Department Search Committee (department chair)	Spring 2007
Member	History Department Search Committee (colonial)	2006-2007
Member	Lilly Fellows Selection Committee	Spring 2007
Adviser	Macalester Ecomagination Team	Fall 2006
Honor's Adviser	Katherine Edwards (History)	2005-2006
Co-Organizer	The Katrina Crisis: A Window on our National Condition, Macalester College	Sep. 2005