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VITA

- Born: On the Kent Coast in Ramsgate, England, 1959.

EDUCATION

- Ph.D., History, University of New Mexico, 1993.

Dissertation: "William Henry Holmes: Explorer of the Americas from the Yellowstone to the Yucatan, 1872-1895." Advisor: Richard W. Etulain.

- Arizona Teaching Certificate, University of Arizona, 1985.
- M.A., Northern Arizona University, 1983.
- B.S., Northern Arizona University, 1981.

- Sunnyside Unified School District (Sunnyside High, Apollo Middle, Los Ranchitos Elementary), Tucson, Arizona, 1977.

CURRENT POSITIONS

- Professor of History and Education, University of Missouri - St. Louis.
- Executive Director, [Western History Association](#) (2006-2012).

PUBLICATIONS

- *Lyndon B. Johnson and Modern America*. Norman: University of Oklahoma Press, 2009.
- "To Think Like a Star: The American West, Modern Cosmology, and Big History." *Montana: The Magazine of Western History*, 59 (Summer 2009), 23-44.
- *Selected Historical Documents to Accompany America's History, Vol. 2: Since 1865. Seventh Edition*. Boston: Bedford/St. Martin's, 2011.
- *Selected Historical Documents to Accompany America's History, Vol. 2: Since 1865. Sixth Edition*. Boston: Bedford/St. Martin's, 2008.
- *Selected Historical Documents to Accompany America's History, Vol. 2: Since 1865. Fifth Edition*. Boston: Bedford/St. Martin's, 2004.
- "Ode on an Anasazi Jar: William Henry Holmes and the Archaeology of the American Southwest." *New Mexico Historical Review*, July 2001.
- *William Henry Holmes and the Rediscovery of the American West*. Albuquerque: University of New Mexico Press, 2000.

The Denver Public Library selected *William Henry Holmes* as an "Honor Book" in the Caroline Bancroft History Prize competition for 2001; the book was also shortlisted for the prestigious Evans Biography Award in 2000.

- "William Henry Holmes, 1846-1933," *American National Biography Online*, New York: Oxford University Press, 2000.
- Editor, *The Cold War American West, 1945 to 1989*. Albuquerque: University of New Mexico Press, 1998.

- "Mining the Atom: The Cold War Comes to the Colorado Plateau, 1948-1958." *New Mexico Historical Review*, October 1994.
- "Senator Holm O. Bursum and the Mexican Ring, 1921-1924." *New Mexico Historical Review*, October 1991.

PRESENTATIONS/LECTURES/INTERVIEWS

- "Strategies for Integrating the Curriculum." A Lecture presented as part of the Faculty Symposium, "Retooling the General Education Curriculum for the Twenty-First Century," Harris-Stowe State University, April 29, 2011.
- "The Big History Experiment." The Keynote Address at the College of Arts and Sciences Banquet for the Distinguished Achievement Awards for Excellence in Science, March 2, 2011.
- "100 Years of Writing Western History." Lecture presented at Northern Arizona University to the Northern Arizona History Academy, funded by the "Teaching American History" grant program of the U.S. Department of Education, February 26, 2011.
- "The Changing Cosmos: From Alexander von Humboldt to Edwin P. Hubble." Paper presented at the Western History Association, 2010 Meeting, Incline Village (Lake Tahoe), Nevada.
- "Big History and the General Curriculum." On the invitation of the Chancellor, this presentation was made to the Chancellor's Cabinet on August 2, 2010.
- "Big History and the General Curriculum." On the invitation of the Dean, this presentation was made to the College of Arts and Sciences on May 6, 2010.
- Interviewed by Don Marsh for KWMU's "St. Louis on the Air," St. Louis, Missouri, December 15, 2009. Topic: my book, *Lyndon B. Johnson and Modern America*.
- "Edwin P. Hubble, the Modern Universe, and the Third Age of Discovery." This presentation was made on November 13, 2009 as part of the Physics and Astronomy Colloquium. It drew upon the intellectual framework and periodization of historians William H. Goetzmann and Stephen Pyne to place Hubble's astronomy in America's grand exploring tradition.

- Interviewed by Bill Peterson for KWIX's morning comment program, Moberly, Missouri, October 15, 2009. Topic: my book, *Lyndon B. Johnson and Modern America*.
- Interviewed January 26, 2009, by Kirk Johnson, Denver Bureau Chief, The New York Times, regarding the historical effectiveness of government stimulus on regional development.
- "Years of Decision: The Romantic Age of American Expansion, 1800 to 1860," Lecture delivered on June 16, 2008, as part of the Teaching American History Summer Institute, "The Impact of America's Wars on Democracy, Social Reform, and America's Identity," St. Clair County Regional Office of Education, Belleville, Illinois.
- "Europe in North America During the Great Age of Discovery," Lecture delivered in connection with the Exhibit: Jamestown, Quebec, Santa Fe: Three North American Beginnings, March 16, 2008, Missouri Historical Society, St. Louis, Missouri (over 170 attended).
- Interviewed in "The Gateway Arch: A Reflection of America" (2007), a Civil Pictures production, which aired on PBS stations across the country.
- "Lyndon B. Johnson's Vision of a Cold War West," a paper presented for the session: "Cold War and Regional Transformation: Out West and Down South," 2004 Annual Meeting of the Organization of American Historians, Boston, Massachusetts.
- Interview for "Atomic Tales: Living with the Bomb in the American West," a program produced by *Radio High Country News* and aired on National Public Radio stations, starting November 15, 2003.
- "Historians of the American West: Old Trails and New Prospects" and "The Contemporary West: Issues and Politics," two lectures presented as part of the "Changing the Shape of the Nation" Summer Institute," 2003, directed, in part, by the University of Missouri -St. Louis and funded by the "Teaching American History" grant program of the U.S. Department of Education.
- "Wm H. Holmes and the Culture of Rediscovery." Paper presented as part of the Monday Noonday Series, The Center of the Humanities, February 24, 2003, UM-St. Louis.
- "Cultural Studies and Public Health." Moderated this session at the Second Annual Vietnam Fulbright Conference, 2001, Hanoi, Vietnam.

- "LBJ: Nukes in the Desert and Fire in the Jungle." Paper presented at the Western History Association, 2000 Meeting, San Antonio, Texas.
- "On Uranium, the Cold War, and Frontier Narrative." Paper presented at the Western History Association, 1998 Meeting, Sacramento, California.
- "The Cold War West: Writing a New Western History." Chaired this session at the Western History Association, 1997 Meeting, St. Paul, Minnesota.
- "Race, Gender, and Culture in the Cold War West." Chaired and commented on this session at the Western History Association, 1995 Meeting, Denver, Colorado.
- "Mining the Atom: The Cold War Comes to the Colorado Plateau." Paper presented at the Western History Association, 1994 Meeting, Albuquerque, New Mexico.
- "Senator Holm O. Bursum and His Relations with Mexico, 1921-1924." Paper presented at the Southern Historical Association, 1988 Meeting, Norfolk, Virginia.

PROMOTIONS, FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS, HONORS

- Promoted to Full Professor of History and Education at the University of Missouri – St. Louis, 2011.
- Promoted to Associate Professor of History and Education, and Granted Tenure, at the University of Missouri – St. Louis, 2005.
- Recipient of a University of Missouri – St. Louis Research Award, \$9,383, Academic Year, 2003.
- Awarded a Moody Grant-in-Aid, \$1,609, from the Lyndon B. Johnson Foundation to conduct research at the LBJ Library and Museum in Austin, Texas, 2002.
- Selected participant in "Traversing Borders: An Interdisciplinary Southwestern Studies Faculty Institute." Project Director: Mark Busby. A National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Institute for College and University Teachers, 2002.

- U.S. Fulbright Scholar, Vietnam National University in Hanoi, Academic Year, 2001-2002 (\$64,000 grant).
- *William Henry Holmes and the Rediscovery of the American West* was designated an Honor Book in 2001 by the Denver Public Library's Caroline Bancroft History Prize Trust Award for Western History Books.
- Awarded a Bush Grant to create an online course (North Dakota Indian Studies) for Valley City State University, 2001.
- *William Henry Holmes and the Rediscovery of the American West* was a finalist for the prestigious Evans Biography Award for books published in 2000.
- Selected participant in "The American West: Environment and History." Director: Donald Worster. A National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Seminar for College and University Teachers, 1993.
- Dorothy Woodward Fellow, University of New Mexico, History Department. An \$8,000 award for the most distinguished doctoral candidate in history, 1990.
- Graduate Assistantships, University of New Mexico, 1987-89.
- Awarded scholarship from the Latin American Institute, University of New Mexico, to attend the *Centro de Enseñanza para Extranjeros*, *Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México*, Mexico City, Summer 1987.

BOOK/FILM REVIEWS, QUOTES

- Quoted in "[Eons of Natural History on Display at New Utah Museum](#)," by Leah Messinger, for MSNBC's *Itineraries*, October 27, 2011.
- *Fighting for the Forty-Ninth Star: C.W. Snedden and the Crusade for Alaska Statehood* by Terrence Cole in the *Pacific Historical Review*, forthcoming.
- *True Grit*, directed by the Coen Brothers, in "Aces on the Race: Ten Hollywood Outsiders Weigh in Best Picture Nomination," in *Variety*, February 8, 2011.
- *Rider of the Pale Horse: A Memoir of Los Alamos and Beyond* by McAllister Hull, with Amy Bianco, in the *Journal of Arizona History*, 2010.

- *William Dunbar: Scientific Pioneer of the Old Southwest* by Arthur H. DeRosier, Jr. in the *Journal of American History*, September 2008.
- *Manifest and Other Destinies: Territorial Fictions of the Nineteenth-Century United States* by Stephanie LeMenager in the *New Mexico Historical Review*, Spring 2006.
- *Ernest Gruening: Alaska's Greatest Governor* by Claus-M. Naske in the *Pacific Historical Review*, November 2005.
- *Veering Right: How the Bush Administration Subverts the Law for Conservative Causes* by Charles Tiefer in *Southwestern American Literature*, Fall 2005.
- *John Charles Frémont and the Course of American Empire* by Tom Chaffin in the *Journal of the West*, Summer 2004.
- *Amchitka and the Bomb: Nuclear Testing in Alaska* by Dean W. Kohlhoff in the *Pacific Historical Review*, February 2004.
- *Science in the American Southwest: A Topical History* by George E. Webb in the *Pacific Historical Review*, 2003.
- *LBJ's Texas White House: "Our Heart's Home"* by Hal K. Rothman in *Texas Books in Review*, Summer 2003.
- *Dangerous Crossings: The First Modern Polar Expedition, 1925* by John H. Bryant and Harold N. Cones in the *Journal of the West*, Winter 2003.
- *Common and Contested Ground: A Human and Environmental History of the Northwestern Plains* by Theodore Binnema in *H-NET Reviews*, November 2002.
- William B. Smart and Donna T. Smart, editors, *Over the Rim: The Parley P. Pratt Exploring Expedition to Southern Utah, 1849-50* in the *New Mexico Historical Review*, Spring 2002.
- *Lewis and Clark: A Photographic Journey* by Bill and Jan Moeller in the *Journal of the West*, Fall 2001.
- Stephen Tchudi, editor, *Science, Values, and the American West* in *Montana: The Magazine of Western History*, Summer 2000.
- Forrest G. Robinson, editor, *The New Western History: The Territory Ahead* in the *Journal of Arizona History*, Spring 2000.

- *Men with Sand: Great Explorers of the North American West* by John Moring in the *Journal of the West*, October 1999.
- *A Conspiracy of Optimism: Management of the National Forests Since World War Two* by Paul W. Hirt in the *Journal of the West*, January 1997.
- *The Northern Pacific Railroad and the Selling of the West* by Sig Mickelson in the *Journal of the West*, April 1996.
- *Thomas Moran and the Surveying of the American West* by Joni Louise Kinsey in the *New Mexico Historical Review*, July 1994.

COURSES TAUGHT

- History of the American West (3-hour graduate seminar)
- History of Exploration (3-hour graduate seminar)
- The American Frontier, 1763-1890 (3-hour undergraduate course)
- American Foreign and Military Affairs, 1893 to the Present (3-hour undergraduate/graduate course)
- American Environmental History (3-hour graduate seminar)
- Big History (9-hour freshman level, general education course).
- World History for the Secondary Classroom (3-hour undergraduate/post-degree certification)

SERVICE

University of Missouri – St. Louis (2002 to the Present)

- Reviewer of book and article manuscripts for Harvard University Press, the University of Oklahoma Press, Harlan Davidson, McGraw Hill, the University of Arizona Press, the *Pacific Historical Review*, the *New Mexico Historical Review*, and the *Western Historical Quarterly*.
- Member of the COE Dean's Advisory Committee on Faculty Tenure and Promotion, UMSL.
- Member of the Executive Committee, UMSL, History Department. AY 2011-
- Chair, UMSL, CAS Curriculum Development Awards Committee, 2011 -
- Member of the Curators' Award Subcommittee, Faculty Press Committee (University of Missouri Press), 2011.

- Western History Association Liaison and Advisor for a Teaching American History Grant, U.S. Department of Education. Project Director: Linda Sargent Wood, Northern Arizona University in partnership with Flagstaff Unified School District, 2011-2013.
- Member of the Faculty Press Committee (University of Missouri Press), 2009-2012.
- Member of the Shibusawa-Arai Endowed Professorship Search Committee, 2009-2010.
- Executive Director, Western History Association, 2006-2012.
- Editor *Timelines* (UMSL History Department Newsletter), Since 2004.
- Chaired the Search Committee for the Social Studies Affiliate Professor, Spring 2006.
- Organized “The Dust Bowl Revisited,” a lecture given on April 12, 2005, by the visiting scholar, Donald Worster (this event was sponsored by UM – St. Louis History Department, Cooperating School Districts, Missouri Historical Society, the St. Louis Regional Professional Development Center, and the St. Louis Mercantile Library).
- Featured Presenter in the Professional Development Workshop, “Perspectives on the Depression Era and Roosevelt’s New Deal,” April 13, 2005 (sponsored by the Cooperating School Districts, Missouri Historical Society, and UM – St. Louis).
- Discussant for the “U.S. on the Path to War, an HBO Film Showing and Panel Discussion” (sponsored by the Center for the Humanities, UM – St. Louis).
- Member of the Western History Association, Local Arrangements Committee, 46th Annual Conference, St. Louis, Missouri, 2006.
- Member of the Committee on Committees, College of Arts and Sciences, UM – St. Louis, 2005.
- Presented the paper, “Lyndon B. Johnson and the Transformation of Cowboys into Cold Warriors” as part of the Monday Noonday Series, The Center of the Humanities, November 15, 2003, UM-St. Louis.
- Served on the Search Committee that successfully filled the position of the Theresa M. Fischer Endowed Professor of Citizenship Education at

the University of Missouri-St. Louis in Spring 2004. Chair: Dr. Marvin Berkowitz, the Sanford N. McDonnell Endowed Professor of Character Education in the College of Education.

- Member of the Steering Committee, Missouri Conference on History, 2004-2007.
- Member of the Western History Association, Program Committee, 44th Annual Conference, Las Vegas, Nevada, October 13-16, 2004.
- Faculty Co-sponsor for Phi Alpha Theta (History Honor Society), Psi-Psi Chapter, UMSL, 2003-2004.
- Mentor in the Beginning Teacher Assistant Program (BTAP), administered by Helene J. Sherman, Associate Dean for Undergraduate Education, 2003-2004.
- Member of the Executive Committee, UMSL, History Department. AY 2003-2004. Helped prepare the History Department's 2004 Five-Year Self-Study.
- Lecturer, Mentor, and Consultant for the First and Second Teaching American History Grants, U.S. Department of Education. Project Director: Dennis Lubeck, Cooperating School Districts, in partnership with UM – St. Louis and the Missouri Historical Society, 2003-2005.
- Interview for “Atomic Tales: Living with the Bomb in the American West,” a program produced by *Radio High Country News* and aired on National Public Radio stations, starting November 15, 2003.
- Presented the paper, “Wm H. Holmes and the Culture of Rediscovery,” as part of the Monday Noonday Series, The Center of the Humanities, February 24, 2003, UM-St. Louis.

U.S. Fulbright Program in Vietnam (2001-2002)

- Taught U.S. History Survey for the History Department of Vietnam National University – Hanoi, Fall 2001.
- Consultant on Curriculum to the Political Science Department of VNU – Hanoi, Spring 2002.
- Peer Reviewer for the Visiting Fulbright Scholar Program.

- Contributed the feature article of the *Fulbright Newsletter*, U.S. Embassy, Hanoi, Vietnam, May 2002.

Valley City State University (1998-2001)

- Representative to the North Dakota Council of College Faculties.
- Member of the Faculty Senate.
- Chair of the Faculty Welfare Committee.
- Co-Advisor of the VCSU Chapter of Phi Alpha Theta.

Phillips University (1995-1998)

- Chair of Phillip University's Faculty Development Committee, 1997-98.
- Divisional Representative to Phillip University's Teacher Education Council, 1996-97.
- Co-founder of Phillips University's History Club.

Teikyo Loretto Heights University (1991-1995)

- Author of the "Academic Staff and Instruction" section of TLHU's "Self-Study" for the Accrediting Council for Independent Colleges and Schools, 1995.
- Director of Division of Social Science.

University of New Mexico (1987-1991)

- Graduate Representative to the University of New Mexico's History Faculty Graduate Advising Committee, 1989.
- President, Phi Alpha Theta, University of New Mexico Chapter, 1987-1988.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Western History Association
- International Big History Association (Founding Member)
- Phi Alpha Theta
- American Association of University Professors

OTHER EXPERIENCE

- U.S. Fulbright Scholar, Vietnam National University in Hanoi, 2001-2002.
- Assistant Professor, History and Secondary Education, Valley City State University in North Dakota, 1998-2002.
- Assistant Professor of American History, Phillips University, Enid, Oklahoma, 1995-1998. (Phillips University closed its doors in July 1998 due to financial difficulties.)
- Visiting Professor, Teikyo University, Tokyo, Japan, Summer 1994.
- Assistant Professor of History, Teikyo Loretto Heights University, 1991-1995.
- Lecturer, U.S. History, University of New Mexico, Spring 1990.
- Graduate Assistant at the University of New Mexico, (1987-1989).
- Public School Teacher, Social Studies, Coconino High School, Flagstaff, Arizona, (1986-1987).
- Public School Teacher, Social Studies, Tuba City High School, Tuba City, Arizona, on the Navajo Indian Reservation, (1985-1986).