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ACADEMIC TEACHING APPOINTMENTS

West Chester University, West Chester, PA

Assistant Professor, Department of History, August 2013—Present

Nebraska Methodist College, Omaha, NE

Instructor, Summer 2013

University of Central Arkansas, Conway, AR

Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of History, August 2006–May 2012

University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI

Lecturer, Department of History of Science, Fall 2004

Teaching Assistant, Department of History of Science; Integrated Liberal Studies program;

College of Engineering, August 2000–May 2004, August 2005–May 2006.

EDUCATION

University of Wisconsin at Madison

Doctor of Philosophy in History of Science, May 2006

Individualized minor in science policy

Master of Arts in History of Science, May 2001

University of Nebraska at Omaha

Bachelor of Science–Secondary Education, May 1999

Graduate coursework to renew teaching license, Spring 2013.

Certified to teach History and Political Science, grades 7-12, 1999-2004, 2013-2018.

TEACHING AND FULFILMENT OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES

Courses

- SSC 331–Social Studies Education Methods
- HIS 415–Science in History
- HIS 150–The American Experience
- HIS 398–The History of Medicine
- HIS 399–American & The Bomb
- HIS 602–Science and Religion
- EDS 411-412 – Student Teaching Internship
- World History 1; World History 2; American Nation 1; American Nation 2 (UCA)
- History of Modern Biology (UW)

Awards

- West Chester University Honors College “Outstanding Faculty Recipient” 2014-2015.
 - Nominated and Elected, Teaching Fellow, University of Wisconsin College of Letters & Science. 2005.
 - Nominated and Elected, University of Wisconsin Teaching Academy. 2004.
 - “Outstanding Teaching Assistant,” Integrated Liberal Studies program. 2002.
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SCHOLARSHIP AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Publications:

Books

Almost Worthy: The Poor, Paupers, and the Science of Charity in America, 1877-1917.
Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 2013.

Articles

"What Does it Mean to be an American? Training History Students and Prospective Teachers to See the Assumptions in their Textbooks." *The History Teacher* 48, no. 4 (August, 2015), 667-692.

"The Idle Woman in Therapy and Fiction: S. Weir Mitchell's Literary Career and the Gilded Age Fear of Malingering." *Ageless Arts* 1 (2015), 77-86.

"Just Poor Enough: Gilded Age Charity Applicants Respond to Charity Investigators." *Journal of the Gilded Age and Progressive Era* 10 (July 2011): 265-87.

"Teaching Historical Skills through JSTOR: An Online Research Project for Survey Courses." *The History Teacher* (44) February 2011): 285-96.

"The Measure of Worthiness: The Rev. Oscar McCulloch and the Pauper Problem, 1877-1891." *Indiana Magazine of History* 104 (March 2008): 3-35.

Book Reviews

Review of Eby, Clare Virginia, *Until Choice Do Us Part: Marriage Reform in the Progressive Era.* H-SHGAPE, H-Net Reviews. (July, 2014) URL: <http://www.h-net.org/reviews/showrev.php?id=41273>

Review of Lombardo, Paul A. *Three Generations, No Imbeciles: Eugenics, the Supreme Court, and Buck v. Bell.* *Isis* 100 (December 2009): 953-4.

Other

Contributor to "The Progressive Era," *The American Yawp: A Free and Online, Collaboratively Built American History Textbook* (2014) URL: <http://www.americanyawp.com/text/20-the-progressive-era/>

Selected Papers and Presentations at Professional Meetings

International Conferences:

"NCSS Thematic Standards Worksheet Presentation and Poster Session." With Dr. Karin Gedge, Chuck Gedge. National Council for the Social Studies Annual Meeting, November 21-22, 2014.

"Training Teachers: What History of Science Offers to Social Studies Education." Paper presented at The History of Science Society Annual Conference, Boston, MA, November 22, 2013.

National and Regional Conferences:

"Creating a Narrative of Disability Rights in Pennsylvania: A Roundtable" *Rethinking Pennsylvania History in the Digital Age*, Lebanon Valley College, Annville, PA October 9, 2015

"A Survey of the Causes of Feeble-mindedness: Assessing Parents' Answers on Intake Records." Paper presented at the Southern Association of the History of Medicine and Science, Jackson, Mississippi, March 14, 2015. Dr. Elliott Simon, co-author.

"The Ramapo Mountain People and the Lost Sequel to the Kallikak Eugenic Study." Paper presented at the Missouri Valley History Conference, Omaha, Nebraska, March 6, 2015.

Commentator, "Progressive Era Environmental Experiments" panel session, Missouri Valley History Conference, Omaha, Nebraska, March 5, 2015.

"The Fiction of the Nervous Women: Dr. S. Weir Mitchell's Rest Cure in Literature and in Practice." Paper presented at the Southern Association for the History of Medicine and Science, St. Louis, Missouri, March 28, 2014.

"Re-visiting the Visitors: The Friendly Enforcement of Citizenship and Manners, 1880–1900." Invited guest speaker at the University of Wisconsin History of Science Colloquium, Madison, Wisconsin, March 23, 2012.

"The Medical Turn in American Poor Relief." Paper presented at The Southern Association for the History of Medicine and Science, Atlanta, Georgia, March 3, 2011.

"An 'Ill-looking, Disgusting Woman': The Poor as Objects of Scientific Scrutiny in Gilded Age America." Paper presented at The Southern Association for the History of Medicine and Science, Memphis, Tennessee, March 4, 2011.

Awards & Honors

Recipient of the WCU Teaching, Learning, and Assessment Center's "Scholarship of Teaching, Learning, and Assessment" award. Nov. 2014

Professional Service:

Work for or with professional organizations, advisory groups, etc.

Member, National Council for the Social Studies; American Historical Association; History of Science Society; Society for History Education, Pennsylvania History Association

SERVICE

Departmental Service:

Committees

- Ex Officio member, Executive Committee 2013–2014
- Elections Committee, 2013-2014
- Undergraduate Committee, 2014-2015
- Underrepresented Minorities Committee, 2015
- Social Studies Education Advisory Committee 2013-2015
- Phi Alpha Theta Initiation ceremony presenter, 2014-2015

Presentations

- “Unearthing the Ramapo Mountain People: Rediscovering a Lost Eugenic Manifesto” presentation to History department untenured faculty research workshop, September 11, 2015
- CAS Open House presentation to prospective history majors on the Social Studies Education program, February 2015.
- Student Teaching Practicum, Roundtable for new student teachers, Fall 2014, Spring 2015.
- Student teaching orientation online presentation and discussion, January 2014

University Service:**Committees**

- Search Committee, Associate Dean of College of Education. Spring 2015
- CAPC proxy, Spring–Summer 2015
- Secondary Education Forum, 2014–2015
- Consensus member, Committee on Professional Education, 2013–2014
- Proxy, Committee on Professional Education, 2014-2015
- Student Teaching Coordinators Committee 2013–2014
- Student Teaching Supervisors Committee 2013–2014
- Secondary Education Working Group 2013
- LGBTQQ “Ally” training 2013

Community Service:**Lectures/Demonstrations**

“Being Efficient, Being Productive: Hopes for Children at Elwyn.” *Magic Happens: A Symposium on Preserving the History of People with Disability* Elwyn, Media, PA August 19, 2015.

“Revisiting the Galileo Affair: Busting Myths of Galileo, the Church, and the Cosmos” Public lecture at the WCU Planetarium by invitation of planetarium programming director Dr. Karen Schwarz. October 24, 2014.

Historical Consulting

- Advisor and on-camera interview for Doug Gahm’s documentary on G. Raymond Rettew, to be displayed at the Chester County Historical Society. May-June 2015.
- Advisor to Elwyn archival collections 2014-2015.

Volunteer work in community

- Phi Alpha Theta Regional Conference, Chair and Commentator, Ursinus College, April 2015
- National History Day Judge April 2014