

Curriculum vitae

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Employment

Professor, 2016–present, Texas Tech University
Associate professor, 2002–2016, Texas Tech University
Assistant professor, 1997–2002, Texas Tech University
Assistant professor (non-tenure-track), St. Edward’s University, Austin, TX, 1993–1997
Instructor, University of Texas at Austin (Extension), 1996–1997
Adjunct instructor, Austin Community College, Austin, TX, 1994–1995
Assistant instructor, University of Texas at Austin, 1992–1993
Teaching assistant, University of Texas at Austin, 1988–1992
Positions in newspaper production and graphic design, San Francisco, California, 1977–87

Education

Ph.D., history, University of Texas at Austin, 1993
Dissertation: “Protestantism, Capitalism, and Nature in the United States,” William H. Goetzmann, advisor, University of Texas at Austin
B.A., history and German, Rice University, Houston, Texas, 1977

Fields of interest

Environmental history; religious history; intellectual and cultural history

Publications

Books

Capitalism: An Environmental History (Cambridge, U.K.: Polity, in progress)

[*Inherit the Holy Mountain: Religion and the Rise of American Environmentalism*](#) (New York: Oxford University Press, 2015)

[Link to Reviews](#)

[*Protestantism, Capitalism, and Nature in America*](#) (Albuquerque: University of New Mexico Press, 1997)

[Link to Reviews](#)

Series or Book Editor

“[Nature and Human Societies](#)” (ABC-Clio)

Published 2005–2008:

- J. Donald Hughes, *The Mediterranean: An Environmental History*
- Don Garden, *Australia, New Zealand, and the Pacific: An Environmental History*
- John T. Cumbler, *Northeast and Midwest United States: An Environmental History*
- Tamara L. Whited, Jens I. Engels, Richard C. Hoffmann, Hilde Ibsen, and Wybren Verstegen, *Northern Europe: An Environmental History*
- Gregory H. Maddox, *Sub-Saharan Africa: An Environmental History*
- Donald E. Davis, *Southern United States: An Environmental History*
- Graeme Wynn, *Canada and Arctic North America: An Environmental History*
- Peter Boomgaard, *Southeast Asia: An Environmental History*

- Adam M. Sowards, *United States West Coast: An Environmental History*
- James E. Sherow, *The Grasslands of the United States: An Environmental History*
- Christopher Hill, *South Asia: An Environmental History*

Dianne Glave and Mark Stoll, eds., [*“To Love the Wind and the Rain”: Essays in African American Environmental History*](#) (University of Pittsburgh Press, 2005)
[Link to reviews](#)

Journal articles

“Sagacious’ Bernard Palissy: Pinchot, Marsh, and the Connecticut Origins of Conservation,” *Environmental History* 16 (January 2011): 4–37

- Translation: “O ‘sagaz’ Bernard Palissy: Gifford Pinchot, George Perkins Marsh e as origens do conservacionismo norte-americano em Connecticut,” tr. by Martinelli Traduções, rev. by Sandro Dutra e Silva and José Luiz de Andrade Franco, in *História Ambiental: Territórios, fronteiras e biodiversidade*, v.2, ed. by José Luiz de Andrade Franco, Sandro Dutra e Silva, José Augusto Drummond, and Giovana Galvão Tavares (Rio de Janeiro, Brazil: Garamond, 2016), 89–128

“Milton in Yosemite: *Paradise Lost* and the National Parks Idea,” *Environmental History* 13 (April 2008): 237–74

- Selected by the editors for the [40th Anniversary Virtual Edition of *Environmental History*](#) as one of the articles that represent “path-breaking scholarship that has shaped our field”

“Green *versus* Green: Religions, Ethics, and the Bookchin-Foreman Dispute,” *Environmental History* 6 (July 2001): 412–427

Book chapters

“Green Calvinism: Reformed Protestant Origins of Western Environmentalism,” *Religion and Public Life*, vol. 40, *Faith in Nature* (New York: Routledge, in preparation)

“The Other Scientific Revolution: Calvinist Scientists and the Origins of Ecology,” in *After the Death of Nature: Carolyn Merchant and the Future of Human-Nature Relations*, edited by Kenneth Worthy, Elizabeth Allison, and Whitney Bauman (New York: Routledge, in press)

“Sinners in the Hands of an Ecological Crisis: Lynn White’s Environmental Jeremiad,” in [Religion and Ecological Crisis: The “Lynn White Thesis” at Fifty](#), ed. Todd LeVasseur and Anna Peterson (New York: Routledge, 2016)

“Les influences religieuses sur le mouvement écologiste français” (translation), in *Une protection de la nature et de l’environnement à la française*, ed. Charles-François Mathis and Jean-François Mouhot (Seyssel, France: Champ Vallon, 2013)

“Puritan Perspectives on the New England Environment,” in [Major Problems in American Environmental History: Documents and Essays](#), ed. Carolyn Merchant, 3e (Wadsworth Publishing, 2012), and 2e (New York: Houghton Mifflin, 2005) (reprint of *Protestantism, Capitalism, and Nature in America*, pp. 55–66, 69–76)

“Rachel Carson: The Presbyterian Genesis of a Nature Writer,” in Nicolaas Rupke, ed., [Eminent Lives in Twentieth-Century Science and Religion](#), 2nd rev. and much exp. ed. (New York: Peter Lang, 2009)

“Edward Osborne Wilson: The Gospel According to Sociobiology,” in Nicolaas A. Rupke, ed., [Eminent Lives in Twentieth-Century Science and Religion](#) (New York: Peter Lang, 2007)

“Religion and American Wilderness,” in Michael Lewis, ed., [American Wilderness: A New History](#) (Oxford University Press, 2007)

“[Creating Ecology: Protestants and the Moral Community of Creation](#),” in David M. Lodge and Christopher S. Hamlin, eds., [Religion and the New Ecology: Environmental Responsibility in a World in Flux](#) (Notre Dame: University of Notre Dame Press, 2006)

“Religion and African American Environmental Activism,” in Dianne Glave and Mark Stoll, eds., *To Love the Wind and the Rain”: Essays in African American Environmental History* (Pittsburgh: University of Pittsburgh Press, 2005)

“O Paraíso Recuperado: Os Protestantes e a Esvaziada Paisagem Americana” (translation of “Paradise Regained: Protestants and the Emptied American Landscape”), in *História e Meio Ambiente: O Impacto da Expansão Europeia* (Funchal, Madiera: Centro de Estudos de História do Atlântico, 1999)

“Crusaders against Communism, Witnesses for Peace: Religion in the West and the Cold War,” in Kevin Fernlund, ed., *The Cold War American West: Historical Essays on the Cold War in the American West, from 1945 to 1989* (Albuquerque: University of New Mexico Press, 1998)

“[God and John Muir: A Psychological Interpretation of John Muir’s Journey from the Campbellites to the Range of Light](#),” in Sally M. Miller, ed., *John Muir: Life and Work* (University of New Mexico Press, 1993)

Online exhibition

“[Rachel Carson’s *Silent Spring*, a Book That Changed the World.](#)” on the Environment & Society Portal, a project of the Rachel Carson Center for Environment and Society, a joint initiative of LMU Munich and the Deutsches Museum
<<http://www.environmentandsociety.org/exhibitions/silent-spring/overview>>, May 2012

Book review essays

Invited review essay, “[The Quest for Green Religion](#),” *Religion and American Culture: A Journal of Interpretation* 22(2) (Summer 2012): 265–274.

David Macauley, ed., *Minding Nature: The Philosophers of Ecology* (1996), in *Environmental History* 3 (April 1998): 230–235

Response to book review essay of Protestantism, Capitalism, and Nature in America

“Reactie van Mark Stoll op *Groen geloof*” (translation), in *Jaarboek voor Ecologische Geschiedenis* 2002: 111–112

Encyclopedia articles

“Protestantism,” “Judaism,” “Preservationism,” and “John Muir,” in Shepard Krech III, John R. McNeill, and Carolyn Merchant, eds., *Encyclopedia of World Environmental History* (Routledge, 2003)

“The Transformation of Protestantism,” *Encyclopedia of American Cultural and Intellectual History* (Charles Scribner’s Sons, 5000 words, 2000)

“The Sanctuary Movement,” *Contemporary American Religion* (Macmillan Reference, 750 words, 1999)

Non-peer-reviewed articles

“[Farms, Forests, and Parks and the Congregational Quest for an Equitable and Sustainable Society](#),” *Forest History Today* 21 (Spring/Fall 2015): 39–49

Invited Lectures and Papers

“Protestantism and the Environment,” Reforma Protestante 500 anos: Espiritualidade e Impacto Social, Centro Universitário de Anápolis, Brazil, October 31, 2017 (upcoming)

“Religion & Environmentalism in the United States,” Olana State Historic Site, Hudson, New York, June 17, 2017

“Inherit the Holy Mountain: Religion and the Rise of American Environmentalism,” Phi Alpha Theta Kenneth F. Neighbours Lecture, Midwestern State University, Wichita Falls, Texas, November 16, 2016

“A Conversation: Spirituality, Religion, and Climate Change: A Roundtable Discussion with Dr. Katharine Hayhoe, Dr. Mark Stoll, and Dr. Dennis Covington,” Texas Tech University, October 26, 2016

- “John Muir and the National Parks,” and “Religion and the History of the National Parks,” National Park Service Ice Age Trail and John Muir 2016 Centennial Event, John Muir Park, Marquette County, Wisconsin, August 6, 2016
- “Presbyterians and American Environmentalism,” Public Environmentalism and Spiritual Communities: Time for Sustainability, University of Edinburgh, Scotland, June 8–10, 2016
- “Religion and Environmental History,” Virginia State University/NEH Humanities Institute, “Imagining Sustainable Environments: Place and Culture in the Global Community,” Petersburg, Virginia, May 16, 2016
- “Religion and the Rise of Environmentalism,” Regional Interfaith Conference, Lubbock, Texas, April 26, 2016
- Nostra Aetate Lecture, “Pope Francis’s *Laudato Si’* and Religious Roots of American Environmentalism,” St. Edward’s University, Austin, Texas, October 5, 2015
- Koch Lecturer on Environmentalism and Freedom, University of Maine at Machias, September 21, 2015
- Keynote address, “Religion and Environmentalism in America,” Southern Forum on Agricultural, Rural, and Environmental History, Mississippi State University, Starkville, Mississippi, April 10, 2015
- Keynote address, “Religion and Environmentalism in America,” Simpósio Nacional de Ciência e Meio Ambiente, “Ciência, Tecnologia e Desenvolvimento Social,” UniEVANGÉLICA, Anápolis, Brazil, October 28, 2014
- Roundtable, “*Silent Spring* at 50: Rachel Carson and Environmental Reporting Today,” conference of the Society of Environmental Journalists, Lubbock, Texas, October 21, 2012
- “The Catholic Ethic and the Spirit of Environmentalism,” “Faith, Ethics, and the Environment” conference, Notre Dame University, November 7–9, 2004
- “Parks and Paradise and the New England Mind,” “Nature and Culture” seminar, University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas, May 2, 2003
- Invited participant, “Knight, Calvinism, and Modern Libertarianism” colloquium, New Orleans, Louisiana, April 10–13, 2003
- “U.S. Protestantism and Varieties of Environmentalism,” “Ecology, Gender, Religion, and Ethics: Interdisciplinary Perspective” seminar, University of California at Berkeley–Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley, California, April 7, 2003
- “Protestant, Catholic, Green: Environmental History and the Cultural Divide between Green Movements in Northern and Southern Europe,” Vrije Universiteit, Amsterdam, March 19, 2003
- “Religie en het milieu: Godsdienst en milieubewustzijn in de Verenigde Staten,” Vrije Universiteit, Amsterdam, March 20, 2003 (in Dutch)
- Keynote address, Interreligious Coordinating Council in Israel and Jerusalem Institute for Israel Studies conference, “Environment, Education and Community,” Jerusalem, Israel, October 21, 2002 (invitation declined)
- “Protestant, Catholic, Green: Environmental History and the Cultural Divide between Green Movements in Northern and Southern Europe,” Rutgers Center for Historical Analysis 2002–2003 Seminar, “Industrial Environments: Creativity and Consequences,” September 24, 2002
- “Edward O. Wilson: The Science of Religion, the Religion of Science, and the Biologist’s ‘Inner Baptist,’” “Science and Religion: The Religious Beliefs and Practices of Scientists: 20th Century” conference, Göttingen, Germany, May 29, 2002
- Response to Plenary Speaker, “Ecology and Theology” Conference, Notre Dame University, February 22, 2002

- Panel member, “Something New Under the Sun by John R. McNeill—A Roundtable Discussion,” joint session with the American Historical Association and the World History Association, AHA meeting, San Francisco, CA, January 4, 2002
- “Religion, Naturschutz und Landschaft in den USA—eine umwelthistorische Perspektive,” for the seminar “Ökologische Orientierungen: Gesellschaftliche Produktion und kulturelle Kodierung von Landschaften,” Department of Social Ecology, Institut für interdisziplinäre Forschung und Fortbildung, Vienna, Austria, May 18, 2001 (in German)
- “H-Net as Public Goods,” Department of Social Ecology, Institut für interdisziplinäre Forschung und Fortbildung, Vienna, Austria, May 16, 2001
- “Society and Nature in the United States: From Max Weber to Environmental History,” Department of Social Ecology, Institut für interdisziplinäre Forschung und Fortbildung, Vienna, Austria, May 16, 2001
- “Protestantische, katholische und jüdische Perspektiven in der amerikanischen Umweltbewegung,” University of Freiburg, Germany, May 15, 2001 (in German)
- “Mobilitätsverhalten und Umwelt in den USA aus historischer Perspektive,” University of Bern, Switzerland, May 11, 2001 (in German)
- “A History of Religious Influence on Environment in America,” Society of American Foresters National Convention, Portland, OR, September 14, 1999
- “Individual and Community Values Through History,” Society of American Foresters National Convention, Portland, OR, September 15, 1999
- “Paradise Regained: Protestants and the Emptied American Landscape,” for international conference, “História e Meio Ambiente: O Impacto da Expansão Europeia,” Funchal, Madeira, April 1999

Papers and Presentations

- “Nature along the Swiss-Alsatian Boundary between Protestants and Catholics,” European Society for Environmental History, Zagreb, Croatia, June 30, 2017 (session organizer)
- “Rethinking Religion and Environmentalism: *Inherit the Holy Mountain* and Environmental History,” Roundtable, American Society for Environmental History, Chicago, March 30, 2017
- “Migration of Conservation Practices in the New England Diaspora,” American Society for Environmental History, Seattle, Washington, April 2, 2016
- “Laudato Si’: Francis’s Restatement of Environmentalism’s Religious Roots,” International Society for the Study of Religion, Nature and Culture, Gainesville, Florida, January 16, 2016
- “Rethinking the Place of Wilderness in the American Environmental Movement,” European Society for Environmental History, Versailles, France, July 1, 2015 (panel organizer)
- “The Evolution of ‘Stewardship’ from Religious Doctrine to Environmental Principle,” American Society for Environmental History, Washington, D.C., March 19, 2015
- “*Man and Nature* Is Congregational—Conservation Is Presbyterian: How Denominational Influences Shaped American Conservation History,” World Congress of Environmental History, Guimarães, Portugal, July 8, 2014
- “Lancashire and the American Landscape,” meeting of the European Society for Environmental History, Munich, Germany, August 22, 2013
- “The Presbyterianness of Edward Abbey,” Conference on the Sowell Family Collection in Literature, Community, and the Natural World,” Texas Tech University, Lubbock, Texas, April 19, 2013
- “Calvinist Roots of the American Landscape Aesthetic,” meeting of the American Historical Association, New Orleans, Louisiana, January 3, 2013

- “Nature and New England’s Religious Outsiders: Burroughs, Thoreau, Whitman,” meeting of the American Society for Environmental History, Phoenix, Arizona, April 15, 2011
- “Religious Roots of France’s Light-Green Society,” conference of the Association pour l’Histoire de la Protection de la Nature et de l’Environnement, “Une protection de la nature et de l’environnement à la française?,” Paris, France, September 23–25, 2010
- “The Cradle of Conservation: New York and the ‘Calvinist Crescent,’” meeting of the American Society for Environmental History, Portland, Oregon, March 11, 2010
- “Religion and the Origins of Nash’s Progressive-Era ‘Wilderness Cult,’” meeting of the American Society for Environmental History, Tallahassee, Florida, February 26, 2009 (panel organizer)
- “Hispanic Catholics and the Land and Landscape: Implications for Environmentalism,” meeting of the American Society for Environmental History, Boise, Idaho, March 13, 2008 (panel organizer)
- “Milton, Humboldt, and the American Environmental Movement,” meeting of the European Society for Environmental History, Amsterdam, Netherlands, June 7, 2007
- “The Presbyterian Impact on American Environmentalism,” meeting of the American Society for Environmental History, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, March 3, 2007 (session organizer)
- “Milton, Eden and the National Parks: Roots of the National Parks in Puritan Theology,” meeting of International Society for the Study of Religion, Nature and Culture, University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida, April 7, 2006
- “Ecology and Morality: Protestant Moralism and the Roots of Ecological Science,” meeting of the American Society for Environmental History, Houston, Texas, March 17, 2005
- “Religion and African American Environmental Activism,” American Society for Environmental History, Victoria, British Columbia, Canada, April 3, 2004 (revision of ASEH 2000 paper)
- “Rachel Carson’s *Silent Spring* in Europe and America: A Comparative View of its Reception and Impact,” European Society for Environmental History, Prague, Czech Republic, September 8, 2003
- “Eco-Catholicism: Catholics in the American Environmental Movement,” American Society for Environmental History, Denver, Colorado, March 22, 2002
- “Protestant, Catholic, Green: Environmental History and the Cultural Divide between Green Movements in Northern and Southern Europe,” first meeting of the European Society for Environmental History, St. Andrews, Scotland, September 5–9, 2001
- “Religion and African-American Environmental Activism,” American Society for Environmental History meeting, Tacoma, Washington, March 2000 (session organizer)
- “Judaism and the Jewish Environmentalists: Jewish Religious and Cultural Influences on Marshall, Ehrlich, Commoner, and Bookchin,” American Society for Environmental History meeting, Tucson, Arizona, April 1999
- “Green *versus* Green: Religious Roots of Radical Ecological Ethics,” University of Toronto conference on “Themes and Issues in North American Environmental History,” Toronto, Canada, April 1998
- “The Calvinist Ethic and the Spirit of Environmentalism,” American Historical Association–Pacific Coast Branch, Portland, Oregon, August 1997
- “God and John Muir: A Psychological Interpretation of John Muir’s Journey from the Campbellites to the Range of Light,” John Muir Conference, University of the Pacific, Stockton, California, 1990
- “The Character of the South in American Religious History,” University of Texas Historical Symposium, 1989

Session comments or chair

- Moderator, “Challenges of Teaching Environmental History across Cultural, Disciplinary, and Ideological Divides,” roundtable, American Society for Environmental History meeting, San Francisco, California March 15, 2014
- Chair, “Making and Breaking Gender Roles,” American Society for Environmental History meeting, Portland, Oregon, March 11, 2010
- Comment, “Jerusalem in America: Landscape, Faith, and Settlement,” American Society for Environmental History meeting, Portland, Oregon, March 11, 2010
- Chair, “Revisiting Rachel Carson: New Perspectives on an Environmental Icon,” American Society for Environmental History meeting, St. Paul, MN, April 1, 2006
- Comments, “The Environment, Education and Politics in Texas History,” Texas State Historical Association meeting, El Paso, TX, March 8, 2003
- Chair, “Poverty, Justice and the Environment,” European Society for Environmental History meeting, St. Andrews, Scotland, September 6, 2001
- Comments, “Government Control over Public and Private Uses of Land,” American Society for Environmental History meeting, Durham, NC, March 21, 2001
- Chair, “Mirror for Magistrates: Sources of Inspiration,” South Central Renaissance Conference, Austin, Texas, March 1997

Workshop

- “Electronic Networking for Scholars of European History: The Contribution of H-Net,” International Congress of the Historical Sciences, Oslo, Norway, August 11, 2000 (with Jim Niessen, Ralf Wolf, and Karsten Borgmann)

Book reviews

- Stephen Ellingson, *To Care for Creation: The Emergence of the Religious Environmental Movement* (University of Chicago Press, 2016), *Agricultural History* (in press)
- Leroy G. Dorsey, *Theodore Roosevelt, Conservation, and the 1908 Governors’ Conference* (College Station: Texas A&M University Press, 2016) *The Chronicles of Oklahoma* (in press).
- Janet Biehl, *Ecology or Catastrophe: The Life of Murray Bookchin* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2015), *Isis* 108 (March 2017):223–224
- Evan Berry, *Devoted to Nature: The Religious Roots of American Environmentalism* (Berkeley: University of California Press, 2015), *Journal of American History* 103 (December 2016):89
- David S. Bovée, *The Church & the Land: The National Catholic Rural Life Conference & American Society 1923–2007* (Washington, D.C.: Catholic University of America Press, 2010), *American Historical Review* 116 (2011):484–485
- Kimberly K. Smith, *African American Environmental Thought: Foundations*, (Lawrence: University Press of Kansas, 2007), *The Journal of Interdisciplinary History* 39.4 (Spring 2009):615–616.
- Dennis C. Williams, *God’s Wilds: John Muir’s Vision of Nature* (College Station: Texas A&M University Press, 2002), *New Mexico Historical Review* 82 (2007):573–74
- David Lowenthal, *George Perkins Marsh: Prophet of Conservation* (Seattle: University of Washington Press, 2003), *American Historical Review* 2006 111(3): 841-842
- Sherry L. Smith, ed. *The Future of the Southern Plains* (Norman: University of Oklahoma Press, 2003), *Southwestern Historical Quarterly* 108 (January, 2005)
- Thomas R. Dunlap, *Faith in Nature: Environmentalism as Religious Quest* (2004), H-Environment and H-Net Reviews, September 20, 2004
- Belden Lane, *The Solace of Fierce Landscapes: Exploring Desert and Mountain Spirituality* (1998), in *Religious Studies Review* 27:150

- Robert Royal, *The Virgin and the Dynamo: Use and Abuse of Religion in Environmental Debates* (1999), in *Nova Religio: The Journal of Alternative and Emergent Religions* 7 (July 2003): 385
- Dan Flores, *Horizontal Yellow: Nature and History in the Near Southwest* (1999), in *New Mexico Historical Review* 76 (2001): 439
- Eric Purchase, *Out of Nowhere: Disaster and Tourism in the White Mountains* (Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, 1999), in *American Historical Review* 106, no. 4, (2001): 1353
- John Brooke and Geoffrey Cantor, *Reconstructing Nature: The Engagement of Science and Religion* (1998), in *Isis* 92, no. 2, (2001): 375
- John P. Herron and Andrew G. Kirk, *Human/Nature: Biology, Culture, and Environmental History* (1999), in *Environmental History* 6.1 (2001): 136–137
- Peter Coates, *Nature: Western Attitudes Since Ancient Times* (1998), in *Isis* 92.1 (2001): 128
- Gerald Sorin, *Tradition Transformed: The Jewish Experience in America* (1997), in *Nova Religio: The Journal of Alternative and Emergent Religions* 4.1 (2000): 146
- Mikuláš Teich, Roy Porter, and Bo Gustafsson, eds., *Nature and Society in Historical Context* (1999), in *Journal of the History of the Behavioral Sciences* 36.2 (2000): 176
- Donald C. Swift, *Religion and the American Experience: A Social and Cultural History, 1765–1977* (1998), in *Journal of Religious History* 86.1 (1999): 206–208
- Robert L. Dorman, *A Word for Nature: Four Pioneering Environmental Advocates, 1845–1913* (1998), in *American Historical Review* 104.4 (1999): 1312
- Peter Harrison, *The Bible, Protestantism, and the Rise of Natural Science* (1998), in *Environmental History* 4 (April 1999): 290–291
- Char Miller and Hal Rothman, eds., *Out of the Woods: Essays in Environmental History* (1997), and Char Miller, ed., *American Forests: Nature, Culture, and Politics* (1997), in *The Texas Observer*, v90 n11 (June 5, 1998): 27–28
- Craig Miner, *Wolf Creek Station: Kansas Gas and Electric Company in the Nuclear Era* (1993), in *Journal of the West* 36 (April 1997): 91
- Thurman Wilkins, *John Muir: Apostle of Nature* (1995), in *Environmental History* 1 (October 1996): 99
- Harry Morgan Mason, *Life on the Dry Line: Working the Land, 1902–1944* (1992), in *Journal of the West* 35 (April 1996): 118–119

Grants, Awards, and Honors

- Texas Tech University College of Arts and Sciences Excellence in Research Award in the Humanities, 2017
- “Milton in Yosemite: *Paradise Lost* and the National Parks Idea” selected by the editors of *Environmental History* for its 40th Anniversary as one of the articles that represented “path-breaking scholarship that has shaped our field,” 2017
- Rachel Carson Center award of \$10,000 to author a Website on the international reception and impact of Rachel Carson’s *Silent Spring*, 2011–2012
- Texas Tech University College of Arts and Sciences Scholar Incentive Award, Fall 2011
- Texas Tech University Internal Grants for Research, Scholarship and Creative Activity in the Arts and Humanities, International Conference Travel Grant, 2007
- Templeton Foundation research fellowship, Institut für Wissenschaftsgeschichte, Göttingen, Germany, June–July 2003; second year June–July 2004 declined, due to editing duties for the ABC-Clio “Nature and Human Society” series
- NEH Summer Seminar for College Teachers, “The American West: Environment and History,” Donald Worster, director, University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas, 1993
- Dora Bonham grant, Department of History, University of Texas at Austin, 1993
- Dora Bonham grant, Department of History, University of Texas at Austin, 1992

Centennial Graduate Student Support Fund grant, Office of Graduate Studies, University of Texas at Austin, 1990

Scholarship, National Society of the American Colonists, 1989

National Merit Scholar, Rice University, Houston Texas, 1973–77

Professional activities

Chair, Rachel Carson Prize committee (awarded by the American Society for Environmental History for the best dissertation in environmental history), 2013–2014

Program Committee member, First World Congress of Environmental History, Copenhagen, Denmark, August 4–8, 2009

Executive Committee member, American Society for Environmental History, 2007–2011

Committee member, 2004 Alice Hamilton Prize Committee, awarded to the best article on environmental history published outside the journal *Environmental History*

Director, Environmental Studies minor, Texas Tech University, 2000–present

Solicited and edited *World Environmental Historiography* series of articles, posted on H-Environment and archived as a scholarly resource on the H-Environment Website

Reorganized H-ASEH as international discussion list H-Environment, with new European editors, an advisory board co-nominated by ASEH and the new European Society for Environmental History, and new name, spring 2000

H-Net Web editor, H-ASEH and H-Environment Web pages, 1997–2005

Co-editor, H-Environment and its predecessor H-ASEH (environmental history H-Net discussion list), 1996–present

Professional memberships

American Society for Environmental History

European Society for Environmental History

American Society of Church History

Organization of American Historians

American Historical Association

Teaching Experience

Chair of seven dissertation committees; member of three dissertation committees

Chair of five master's committees; member of five master's committees

Chair of three undergraduate General Studies theses

Graduate-level courses taught

HIST 5326 Topics in American Environmental History

HIST 5308 Historical Studies of Religion

HIST 5324 Topics in American Religious History

HIST 6301 Research seminar in comparative and international environmental history

HIST 6304 Research seminar in U.S. environmental history

Undergraduate-level courses taught

HIST 4398 Senior seminar

HIST 4397 American environmental history honors seminar

HIST 4323 Nature and Americans: “The 1960s and the origins of environmentalism”

HIST 3328 U.S. religious history

HIST 3327 American environmental history

HIST 2300 United States history to 1877

HIST 2301 United States history since 1877

American history during the 1920s and 1930s (University of Texas Extension)

American environmental history (University of Texas Extension)

American history surveys (University of Texas at Austin and Austin Community College)

“The American Experience” (U.S. history core course) (St. Edward’s University)

“Identity of the West” (Western Civilization core course) (St. Edward’s University)

“The American Dream” (St. Edward’s University)

Languages

Best: German

Others: Dutch, French, Swedish, Norwegian, Danish, Italian, Portuguese, Spanish, Latin