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Education

PhD., United States History, University of Kansas, May 1996
MSE, Curriculum and Instruction, University of Kansas, December 1987
B.A., History, University of Kansas, May 1984
B.A., Anthropology, University of Kansas, May 1984

Academic Appointments

Professor, United States History,
Department of History, Utah Valley University, 2014-Present

Associate Professor, United States History,
Department of History, Utah Valley State College, 2003-2014

Assistant Professor, United States History,
Department of History, Utah Valley State College, 1996-2003

Publications

Book/Articles

The Perfect Fence: Untangling the Meanings of Barbed Wire, co-authored
with Scott Abbott, Texas A&M Press, 2017

"Barbed and Dangerous: Constructing the Meaning of Barbed Wire in Late
Nineteenth-Century America," co-authored with Scott Abbott, *Agricultural History*,
88:4 (Fall 2014)

"Child Custody, Custodial Arrangements and Financial Support in Late
Nineteenth Century Kansas," *Kansas History: A Journal of the Central Plains*
37:1 (Spring 2014)

"Literary Barbed Wire: Reifying the Metaphor in *The Grapes of Wrath*, *Wise
Blood*, 'Contagion,' and *A History of Barbed Wire*," co-authored with Scott Abbott,
Steinbeck Review 10:1 (Spring 2013)

"Reassessing Western Liberality: Divorce in Douglas County, Kansas,
1867-1876," *Kansas History* 17:4 (Winter 1994) 274-287

Reviews

"Women in the American West," by Laura Woodworth-Ney, *Pacific Northwest
Quarterly* (Fall 2008)

"Empire's Edge: American Society in Nome, Alaska, 1898-1934," by Preston
Jones, *Western Historical Quarterly* (Summer 2008)

"Domesticating the West: The Re-creation of the Nineteenth-Century

American Middle Class, by Brenda K. Jackson, *Register of the Kentucky Historical Society* (Summer/Autumn 2006)

"The Important Things of Life: Women, Work, and Family in Sweetwater County, Wyoming, 1880-1929", by Dee Garceau, *Montana, The Magazine of Western History* (2001)

"Incident at Bitter Creek: The Story of the Rock Springs Chinese Massacre," by Craig Storti. *Great Plains Quarterly* (Summer 1992)

Academic Conference Presentations

"Expansion of Barbed Technology in the Late-Nineteenth Century United States," Western History Association 57th Conference, San Diego, CA, November 2017

"Selling and 'Spinning' Barbed Wire: An Analysis of a Late 19th Century Company's Publications," Agricultural History Society Conference, Provo, UT, June 19-21, 2014

"Found Objects: Intimate 'Fences': Constructing the Meaning of Barbed Wire," co-presented with Scott Abbott, Utah Valley University, Third Annual UVU Humanities Program Symposium: Found Objects, March 19-20, 2014

"Barbed Wire and Identity in the American West," co-presented with Scott Abbott, Utah Valley University, UVU Art History Symposium, March 7, 2014

"The Politics of Barbed Wire," Western Political Science Association Annual Conference, Portland, OR, March 22-24, 2012

"Literary Barbed Wire: Constructing the Meaning of Barbed Wire in Literature," co-presenter with Scott Abbott, American Literature Association Annual Conference, Boston, MA, May 25-29, 2011

"Barbed and Dangerous," co-presented with Scott Abbott, Utah Valley University, November 2009

"Barbed and Dangerous: Constructing the Meaning of Barbed Wire," co-presented with Scott Abbott, Western History Association 49th Conference, Denver, CO, October 2009

"Democratic Citizenship and Immigration: What are the Boundaries of Democracy?" Peace & Justice Studies Election Issues, Utah Valley University, October 2008

"Shaken and Stirred: The Divisive Power of Intemperance in 19th Century Kansas," American Studies Conference, Utah Valley State College, October 2001

"Women and War: Rosie the Riveter," From Rosie To Roosevelt Conference, Utah Valley State College, February 2001

"Religion, the Handmaiden of Slavery: How Christianity Commended and Condemned Slavery in the Antebellum Period," Ethics Awareness Week, Utah Valley State College, October 2000

"Sluice boxes, Gold Pans, Kith and Kin: Families in the Wake of a Gold Rush," 42nd Annual Western Social Science Association Conference, San Diego, April 2000

"Double, Double, Toil and Trouble, Fire Burn and Cauldron Bubble': Gendered Witchcraft Accusations in Colonial New England," 2nd Annual Gender Conference, Utah Valley State College, September 1999

"Husbands, Wives, and Alcohol: The Divisive Power of Drink in Nineteenth Century Kansas Gender Relations," at the Western History Association Conference, St. Paul, Minnesota, October 1997

"Rough Seas Ahead: Survival in the Wake of 19th-Century Divorce," Mid-America Conference on History, Springfield, MO, September 1995

"Child Custody on the Frontier: Kansas Policy, 1867-1896," Mid-America Conference on History, Fayetteville, AR, September 1994

"Reassessing Western Liberality: Divorce in Douglas County, KS, 1867-76," Western Association of Women Historians, San Marino, CA, May 1994

Service Presentations

Populism & *The Wizard of OZ* Lectures, Central Elementary School, Pleasant Grove, UT (2014 & 2015)

Panel Chair/Commenter, Shaping the American West Conference, Snowbird Resort, UVSC, June 2005

Panel Chair and Commenter, Phi Alpha Theta Regional Conference, BYU, April 1999

Panel Moderator, "Women's Issues and Public Policy," at the Women in a World of Change: Gender Issues and Public Policy Conference, Utah Valley State College, September 1998

Presenter, Graduate Professional Development Conference University of Kansas, November 1997

Panelist, Graduate Professional Development Conference University of Kansas, October 1996

Conferences Organization

Organized "Turning Points in History" Lecture Series (Fall 2017)

Co-organized "Turning Points in History" Lecture Series (Fall 2011-2012)

Organized Panel, Edward Abbey, Earth First! The Monkey Wrench Gang, and Me: Musings on Ed Abbey, Environmental Ethics Week: Ethics & Animal Rights, UVU (March 2010)

Member, Secretariat, International Conference "Women of the Mountains" (March 2007)

Co-organized Peace and Justice Studies Annual Dialogues (2006-2009)

Co-organized "Shaping the American West: A New Western Ethic for the 21st Century" Conference (June 2005)

Coordinator "Turning Points in History" Lecture Series (Spring 2003-Spring 2011)

Board Member, Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemoration (2006 & 2007)

Coordinator, Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemoration (2004 & 2005)

Co-organized Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemoration (2001-2003)

Co-organized American Studies Conference (September 2001)

Co-organized/Moderator for conference, "From Rosie to Roosevelt" (February-March 2001)

Co-organized the first annual American Studies Conference (September 2000)

Co-organized 2nd Annual Gender Conference, "The Social Construction of Gender: Representations and Repercussions" (September 1999)

Co-organized 1st Annual Gender Conference, "Women in a World of Change: Gender Issues and Public Policy" (September 1998)

Organized Ethics Brown-Bag Seminar, "What is the Value of Native American Studies?" (March 1998)

Awards

Dean's Scholarship Award, Creative Project, School of Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences, February 2002

UVSC Board of Trustees Award of Excellence January 2002

Utah Humanities Council Merit Award, October 2001 for "From Rosie to Roosevelt: A History of Americans on the Home-front in World War II"

Research/Program Grants

Dean's Research Award, 2011=\$2,500

CEL Grant for Into the West, An Interdisciplinary Seminar Expedition to Capitol Reef Field Station (March 2010) Total Budget=\$2,300

Utah Valley State College Foundation Grant, "11th Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemoration" (January 2005) Total Budget=\$13,000

Utah Valley State College Foundation Grant, "Turning Points in History Lecture Series" (Spring 2004) Total Budget=\$10,000

Utah Humanities Council Grant, "From Rosie to Roosevelt" (February - March 2001) Total budget = \$18,308.

Utah Humanities Council Grant, "Women in a World of Change: Gender Issues and Public Policy" (September 1998) Total budget=\$13,900.

Committee Service

Campus

Chair, Department RTP Committee (Fall 2017-Spring 2018)
Coordinator, Department of History (Summer 2012-2015)
Co-Chair, History Search Committee, Modern United States (2014-15)
Chair, History Search Committee, US Lecturer (2014)
Chair, History Search Committee, Modern Europe Lecturer (2014)
Chair, History Search Committee, Colonial Latin America (2012-2013)
Search Committee, Early America (2012-2013)
Chair, Faculty Senate Policy Committee (Fall 2011-2013)
Member, Faculty Senate Executive Committee (2011-2013)
Faculty Senator, History, (Fall 2010-2013)
Chair, History Search Committee, Early Modern European (2011-2012)
Chair, History Search Committee, Early American (2009-2010)
Member, CHSS, Dean Search Committee, (2008-09)
Chair, History Search Committee, (2008)
Chair, History Search Committee, Early American (2007-08)
Member, History Search Committee, Public History (2007-08)
Chair, 1-Year Public History Position (Spring 2007)
Chair, Department RTP Committee (Fall 2007-2011)
Coordinator, Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemoration (2005-2007)
Committee Member, Integrated Studies Theses (on-going)
Executive Board, Peace and Justice Studies Program (2004-2010)
Faculty Senator, History/Political Science, (2003-04)
Member, Geography Search Committee (2001-2002)
Green Space Committee (2001-2004)
Chair, History Search Committee, Native American (Spring 2001)
Member, American Studies Steering Committee (2000-2009; 2017)
Member, Gender Studies Steering Committee (2003-2006)
Chair, HAAS Quality and Rigor Committee (1997-2000)
Executive Academic Outcomes Committee (1997-2000)
UVSC Curriculum Committee (1999-2002)
History and Political Science Strategic Planning Committee
Chair, Social Sciences Subject Specialization Committee
English Department Search Committee (Spring/Summer 1997)

Off Campus

Advisory Board Member, Charles Redd Center for Western Studies,
Brigham Young University (2002-2017)
Member, Local Arrangements Committee, Western History Association, 48th
Annual Conference, Salt Lake City, UT (2008)

Professional Memberships

Western History Association
American Historical Association
American Association of University Professors