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EDUCATION

- Ph.D. Bowling Green State University, 1997.
Dissertation : "T. Wingate Todd and the Development of Modern American Physical Anthropology, 1900-1940." (Dissertation Advisor: Judith Sealander)
- M.A. Bowling Green State University, 1994 (History).
Thesis: "War, Sectarianism and Slavery: The Church of God and its Struggle to Avoid Sin and Schism in the Antebellum Period." (Thesis Advisor: Lawrence Friedman)
- M.A. Kent State University, 1991 (Anthropology).
Thesis: "Somatic Sexual Dimorphism in Primates and its Expression Relative to *Homo sapiens*." (Thesis Advisor: C. Owen Lovejoy)
- B.A. Kent State University, 1986 (History and Anthropology).
Graduated *summa cum laude* and with University Honors.

ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

Full Professor, University of Akron, 2026-
Associate Professor (with tenure), University of Akron, 2007-2026.
Assistant Professor, University of Akron, 2001-2007.
Visiting Assistant Professor, University of Toledo, 2000-2001.
Visiting Assistant Professor, Bowling Green State University, 1997-2000.
Adjunct Professor, University of Toledo, 1998.
Adjunct Professor, University of Findlay (main campus) and the University of Findlay at the Lima and Allen Correctional Institutions, 1990-1998.

PUBLICATIONS

Book:

Ohio: A History of the Buckeye State (with Gregory Wilson). New York: John Wiley and Sons, Inc., August 2013; 2nd Edition, April 2023.

Book Chapters:

“Ohio: At the Heart of History” (with Gregory Wilson). *Where East Meets (Mid)West: Exploring a Regional Divide*. Jon Lauck, ed. Kent State University Press, April 2025, pp. 68-89.

“White Visions of ‘Red Men’: Native Americans in Northeast Ohio Memory.” *Native Americans of the Cuyahoga Valley: From Early Peoples to Contemporary Issues*. Peg Bobel and Linda Whitman, eds. University of Akron Press, October 2024, pp. 167-188.

“Along the Lower Cuyahoga: 1740-1805” (by George Knepper, revised and updated by Kevin F. Kern). *Native Americans of the Cuyahoga Valley: From Early Peoples to Contemporary Issues*. Peg Bobel and Linda Whitman, eds. University of Akron Press, October 2024, pp. 107-128.

“From Silly to Scholarly: The Complete and Utter History of Terry Jones.” *Python Beyond Python: Critical Essays on the Work of Monty Python Members Before and After Their Participation in the Comedy Troupe*. Lynn Whitfield, Paul N. Reinsch, and Robert G. Weiner, eds. London: Palgrave Macmillan, August 2017, pp. 37-53.

“20th Century Vole, Mr. Neutron, and Spam: Portrayals of American Culture in the Work of Monty Python.” *The Cultural Contexts of Monty Python: or How to Recognize the Spanish Inquisition from Quite a Long Way Away*. Tomasz Dobrogoszcz, ed. Lanham, MD: Scarecrow Press/Rowman & Littlefield, August 2014, pp. 95-106.

“The 1980s: Not Business as Usual.” *Our People, Our Story: Findlay, Ohio 1950-2010*. Dennis East, ed. Findlay: Findlay Publishing Co., 2011, pp. 73-97.

“Introduction.” *Glenna Snow’s Cook Book: Home Tested Recipes by Beacon Journal Readers*. Facsimile of 1944 second edition with photo insert. Akron, OH: University of Akron Press, 2010, pp. vii-xvi.

Major Article (41,000 words):

"T. Wingate Todd: Pioneer of Modern American Physical Anthropology."
Kirtlandia 55(September, 2006):1-42.

Other Refereed Articles:

"The State of Ohio History" (with Gregory Wilson, L. Diane Barnes, David Merkowitz, and Donna DeBlasio). *Ohio History*, 123(2) (Fall 2016): 7-25.

"It is by Industry or Extinction that the Problem of their Destiny Must be Solved":
The Wyandots and Removal to Kansas." *Northwest Ohio History* 75(2) (2004):
160-168.

"From Biological Determinism to Cultural Relativism: Eugenic Contributions to
Modern Cultural Anthropology." *Proceedings of the Ohio Academy of History*,
2002 : 38-47.

"Using the LIST OF CREEPY COINCIDENCES as an Educational Opportunity."
(Kathren Brown, co-author), *The History Teacher*, 34 (August 2001): 531-535.

"Franz Boas, Margaret Mead, . . . and J. D. Rockefeller?: The Role of The
Rockefeller Foundation in Early Twentieth-Century American Anthropology." *The
American Association of the Behavioral and Social Sciences Journal* 2(Fall
1999): 147-152.

Encyclopedia Articles:

"Earnest A. Hooton." *The International Encyclopedia of Biological Anthropology*,
Wenda Trevathan, ed. New York: John Wiley and Sons, Inc. (Sept. 2018).

"Ernst Haeckel." *The International Encyclopedia of Biological Anthropology*,
Wenda Trevathan, ed. New York: John Wiley and Sons, Inc. (Sept. 2018).

"T. Wingate Todd" (with Bruce Latimer). *The International Encyclopedia of
Biological Anthropology*. Wendy Trevathan, ed. New York: John Wiley and Sons,
Inc. (Sept. 2018).

"Paul Brown." *Sports in America from Colonial Times to the Twenty-First
Century: An Encyclopedia*. Steven A. Riess, ed. New York: M.E. Sharpe (2011),
202-203.

"Marion Motley." *Sports in America from Colonial Times to the Twenty-First
Century: An Encyclopedia*. Steven A. Riess, ed. New York: M.E. Sharpe (2011),
627-628.

"The Great Train Robbery (1903)." *Movies in American History*. Philip C. DiMare, ed. Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO (2011), 226-228.

"Brother, Can You Spare a Dime." *The Great Depression and the New Deal: A Thematic Encyclopedia*. Steven Danver, Alan Harris Stein, et al. eds. Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO (2010), 389-390.

"Bob Crosby." *The Great Depression and the New Deal: A Thematic Encyclopedia*. Steven Danver, Alan Harris Stein, et al. eds. Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO (2010), 394-395.

"Earl 'Fatha' Hines." *The Great Depression and the New Deal: A Thematic Encyclopedia*. Steven Danver, Alan Harris Stein, et al. eds. Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO (2010), 451-452.

"Gene Krupa." *The Great Depression and the New Deal: A Thematic Encyclopedia*. Steven Danver, Alan Harris Stein, et al. eds. Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO (2010), 461-462.

"Kay Kyser." *The Great Depression and the New Deal: A Thematic Encyclopedia*. Steven Danver, Alan Harris Stein, et al. eds. Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO (2010), 462-463.

"Helen Ward." *The Great Depression and the New Deal: A Thematic Encyclopedia*. Steven Danver, Alan Harris Stein, et al. eds. Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO (2010), 513-515.

"Population and Demographics." *Encyclopedia of the Jazz Age*. James Ciment, ed. New York: M.E. Sharpe (2008), 415-418.

"Birth Control." *Encyclopedia of the Jazz Age*. James Ciment, ed. New York: M.E. Sharpe (2008), 102-103.

"Racial Science." *Dictionary of American History, Volume 7, Quakers to Suburb*. New York: Charles Scribner's Sons (2003), 12-13.

Journal:

Co-founder and editor, *Northeast Ohio Journal of History*, 2002-2016.

Book Reviews:

America's First Interstate: The National Road, 1806-1853, by Roger Pickenpaugh. *Ohio Valley History* 21(4): 80-81 (Winter 2021).

From Warm Center to Ragged Edge: The Erosion of Midwestern Literary and Historical Regionalism, 1920–1965, by Jon K. Lauck. *Ohio History* 125(2): 78-80 (September 2018).

Columbus, Ohio: Two Centuries of Business and Environmental Change, by Mansel G. Blackford. *Enterprise and Society: The International Journal of Business History* 18(3): 737-739 (September 2017).

The American Midwest: An Interpretive Encyclopedia, edited by Richard Sisson, Christian Zacher, and Andrew Cayton. *Ohio History* (115): 121-123 (2008).

Suburban Steel: The Magnificent Failure of the Lustron Corporation, 1945-1951 by Douglas Knerr. *Ohio Valley History* 7(1): 80-81 (spring 2007).

Cradles of Conscience: Ohio's Independent Colleges and Universities, edited by John William Oliver Jr., James A. Hodges, and James H. O'Donnell. *Northeast Ohio Journal of History* 3(2):80-83 (fall 2005).

The Lysenko Effect: The Politics of Science by Nils Roll-Hansen. *Quarterly Review of Biology* 80(3): 344 (fall 2005).

Fun, Cheap, & Easy: My Life in Ohio Politics, 1949-1964 by Frances McGovern. *Ohio Valley History* 4(1): 87-89 (spring 2004).

Ohio States by Jeffrey Hammond. *Northeast Ohio Journal of History* 2(1): 51-52 (fall 2003).

Ohio: The History of a People by Andrew R.L. Cayton. *Ohio Valley History* 3(2): 55-56 (summer 2003).

When Oberlin was King of the Gridiron by Nat Brandt. *Northeast Ohio Journal of History* 1 (1): 42-43 (fall 2002).

Ohio: A History by Walter Havighurst. *Northwest Ohio Quarterly* 74 (1): 33-35 (spring 2002).

Course Materials:

Test Bank for *The American Nation* by Garraty and Carnes, Addison Wesley Longman, 2000.

Other Publications:

Skeletons out of the Closet" (with Bruce Latimer). Explorer 38 (Spring 1998): 16-18.

"The Controversy over Slavery in the Church of God: An Interpretation." *Churches of God Historical Society News*. 3, no. 2 (1994): 1-8.

WORKS IN PROGRESS

Two monographs under preparation, both under contract with University of Akron Press:

From Foot-ball to Football: Ohio and the Introduction of America's Favorite Sport, 1803-1883

State of the Game: Ohio and the Creation of a Football Culture, 1883-1903

MUSEUM EXHIBITS

Historical Consultant/Content Review Committee member: National Veterans Memorial and Museum, Columbus, OH, 2015-2017. Grand Opening, October 2018.

"Arts of Ohio" (with Gregory Wilson, Andrew Near, and Mark Basset), Zanesville Museum of Art, December 2013.

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

"The Lend-A-Hand Mission, The Mahoning Cycle Club, 'Foot-ball Girls,' and James Fields: American Football as American History." Presidential Address, Ohio Academy of History Annual Conference, Marietta, OH, March 2026.

Chair, "Cities in the Heartland: Ohio's Urban History" panel, Ohio Academy of History Annual Conference, Kent, OH, April 2025.

Chair and Commentator: "A Culture of Curiosity: Histories of Observing, Collecting, and Categorizing" panel, Ohio Academy of History Annual Conference, Columbus, OH, March 2024.

"State of the Game: Ohio and the Democratization of Football." Ohio Academy of History Annual Conference, Ada, OH, April 2023.

Coordinator, Ohio Academy of History Annual Conference, Akron, OH (April 2022).

“Anthropologically, socially and politically sound”: American eugenics, anthropology, and the Galton Society.” *A life of science: A symposium dedicated to C. Owen Lovejoy in recognition of his many scientific contributions*. Invited Poster Symposium, 88th Annual Meeting of the American Association of Physical Anthropologists, Cleveland, OH, March 2019.

Chair and Commentator: “Perspectives on Politics, Ohio and Beyond” panel, Ohio Academy of History Annual Conference, Middletown, OH, March 2019.

Chair and Commentator: “19th Century Presidents: New Perspectives” panel, Ohio Academy of History Annual Conference, Dayton, OH, March 2018.

Chair and Commentator: “When External Factors Threatened University Institutions” panel, Ohio Academy of History Annual Conference, Columbus, OH, April 2017.

“Writing *Ohio: A History of the Buckeye State* and the State of Teaching Ohio History.” “The State of Ohio’s History” Roundtable, Ohio Academy of History Annual Conference, Ada, OH, March 2015.

“Mad Scientists?: The Early 20th-Century Eugenics Movement in the United States.” *Monsters of Science and Technology: Killer Robots, Mad Scientists, and Abominations* Symposium, Morrisville State College, Morrisville, NY April 2014.

Commentator: “New Perspectives on Early Twentieth-Century Urban Reform” panel, Ohio Academy of History Annual Conference. Columbus, OH (April 2014).

Commentator: “The Limits of Eugenics, Europe and the United States” panel, Ohio Academy of History Annual Conference. Bowling Green, OH (April 2013).

“Funny Car Society, Theodoric of York, and Elephantoplasty: Using Comedy to Illustrate Themes and Problems in the History of Science.” Comedy, Seriously? Panel, History of Science Society Annual Conference, San Diego, CA, (November 2012).

“Black Gold and White Knights: Economic, Political, and Legal Effects of Mobil Oil’s 1981 Takeover Attempt of Marathon Oil.” Issues in Recent/Contemporary Ohio History Panel, Ohio Academy of History Annual Conference, Ohio Historical Society, Columbus, OH (April 2012).

Commentator: "The United States Civil War" panel, Ohio Academy of History Annual Conference. Denison University, Granville, OH (April 2011).

"20th Century Vole, Mr. Neutron, and Spam: Portrayals of American Culture in the Work of Monty Python." Monty Python in Its British and International Cultural Contexts or: How to Recognise the Spanish Inquisition from Quite a Long Way Away Conference. Lodz, Poland (October 2010).

Commentator: "Great Political Issues in 20th-Century Ohio" panel, Ohio Academy of History Annual Conference. Capital University, Columbus, OH (March 2010).

Planning and Program Committees, 2010 Stan Hywet Symposium.

Commentator: "What Have We Learned?: New Ideas Toward 'Keeping the Doors Open' at Historical Institutions," Second Annual Stan Hywet Symposium (September 2009).

Planning and Program Committees, 2009 Stan Hywet Symposium.

Coordinator, Ohio Academy of History Annual Conference, Akron, OH (April 2009).

Chair, Program Committee, 2008 Stan Hywet Symposium.

Planning Committee, 2008 Stan Hywet Symposium.

Panel Organizer, "The Effects of Eugenics on Academic and Professional Disciplines," American Historical Association Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA (January 2005).

"Racial Anthropology: The Galton Society and its Effect on American Physical and Cultural Anthropology." American Historical Association Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA (January 2005).

Commentator: "Riots and Rural Enclaves" panel, Ohio Academy of History Annual Conference, Heidelberg University, Tiffin, OH (April 2004).

Panel Organizer, "The History Around Us: Approaches to Investigating and Promoting Local History," Ohio Academy of History Annual Conference, Kent State—Stark Campus, Canton, OH (April 2003).

"Low Overhead, High Quality: The Limitations and Advantages of Publishing an Electronic Local History Journal." Ohio Academy of History Annual Conference, Kent State—Stark Campus, Canton, OH (April 2003).

Chair, "Echoes of the 1960s: Cultural and Economic Transformations in Post-Vietnam America." Ohio Academy of History Annual Conference, Kent State—Stark Campus, Canton, OH (April 2003).

"From Biological Determinism to Cultural Relativism: Eugenic Contributions to Modern Cultural Anthropology." Ohio Academy of History Annual Conference, Cincinnati, OH (April 2002).

Chair, "Occupation or Expansion? Economic Nationalism in Border Zones" Panel. National Policy History Conference, Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, OH (June 2000).

Commentator, "The United States Political Economy and Value Conflict in Policy Formation" Panel. National Policy History Conference, Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, OH (June 2000).

Chair, "Abuse of Power and its Consequences" Panel. Ohio Academy of History Annual Conference, Otterbein College, Ohio (April 2000).

"Franz Boas, Margaret Mead, . . . and J. D. Rockefeller?: The Role of The Rockefeller Foundation in Early Twentieth-Century American Anthropology." The American Association of the Behavioral and Social Sciences National Meetings, Las Vegas, Nevada (February 1999).

"Estimation of Sexual Dimorphism in Fossil Species: A New Technique and Tests of its Accuracy in *Australopithecus afarensis* Using Extant Hominoids." (with Phillip Reno, C. Owen Lovejoy, et al. American Association of Physical Anthropologists National Meetings, Columbus, Ohio (April 1999).

"Laws and Effects: An Analysis of the Effectiveness of Federal Native-American Health Policy from 1900 to the Present." The Michigan Academy Sciences, Arts, and Letters, Grand Valley Michigan (March 1999).

"A Peculiar People Called Physical Anthropologists: The Professionalization of American Physical Anthropology"

The Michigan Academy Sciences, Arts, and Letters, Alma, Michigan
(March 1998).

INVITED SPEAKER

Presidential Lecture Series, Northwestern Oklahoma State University Institute for Citizenship Studies, Alva, OK, April 2025.

“The Perfect Petri Dish for a Football Culture: Ohio and the Development of American Football.” Keynote Speaker, Ohio University History Graduate Student Conference, March 2025.

“The Ohio Dynasty of Presidents,” Zoar Speaker Series, Historic Zoar Village, October 2024.

“The Ohio Dynasty of Presidents,” Hudson Heritage Association, Hudson, OH, November 2024.

“From Sun-Swallowing to Saros-Cycling: Predicting Eclipses in the Ancient World.” Eclipse Exploration: Bridging Science, History, & Culture pre-eclipse event, University of Akron, April 2024.

“Indigenous Peoples’ History in Ohio.” Green Public Library, October 2023.

“White Visions of ‘Red Men’: Native Americans in Northeast Ohio Memory.” Stewards of Historical Preservation Public Lecture, Summit Art Space, October 2022.

“White Visions of ‘Red Men’: Native Americans in Northeast Ohio Memory.” Green Public Library, November 2021.

“State of the Game: How Ohio Became the Most Important State in the History of American Football,” Stewards of Historical Preservation Public Lecture, Akron-Summit County Public Library, November 2019.

“*Monty Python and the Holy Grail* in its Historical Contexts,” Phi Alpha Theta Movie Night, University of Akron Department of History, October 2019.

“‘The Great Migration’ and Akron, Ohio,” *Considering Perspectives: Using ELA to Explore “The Great Migration” in Akron*. Teachers’ Professional Training Event, Stan Hywet Hall and Gardens, June 2019.

“Ohio, Religion, and Reform in the Third Great Awakening,” Ohio Humanities Council-sponsored lecture for the North Canton Historical Society, North Canton Public Library, April 2019.

“The U.S. as a World Power: Imperialism and its Legacy” Columbus Bar Association Masters Series in Law and History, “McKinley: The First Modern Presidency,” April 2019.

“Early Ohio History.” Marshalls of Hancock Reunion, Carrollton, OH, August 2018.

“Immigration and Restrictions, 1870-1924.” *Asking Good Questions: Using ELA to Explore Akron’s Immigrant Past*, Teachers’ Professional Training Event, Stan Hywet Hall and Gardens, June 2018

“The History of the State of Ohio, and the State of Ohio History,” University of Toledo History Department Speaker Series, October 2017

“Imperialism in the McKinley Era,” McKinley Birthplace Museum, Niles, OH, July 2017.

“Immigration and Akron, 1870-1920.” *Investigating Akron’s Immigrants Then and Now*, Teachers’ Professional Training Event, Stan Hywet Hall and Gardens, Akron, June 2017.

“Akron Goes to War: 1914-1918.” Vintage Days World War I Commemoration, Stan Hywet Hall and Gardens, Akron, May 2017.

“The Northwest Ordinance: The Most Overlooked Founding Document?” Keynote Speaker, Charter Meeting of The Society of Families of the Old Northwest Territory, Sandusky, OH, April 2017.

“Ohio and the Underground Railroad.” Rethinking Race Series, University of Akron, February 2017.

“The Bonus Army.” Fort Laurens Museum, Bolivar, November 2016.

“Embracing the Active Citizen Through Ohio History,” Keynote Speaker, Ohio Council for the Social Studies 60th Annual Conference, September 2016.

“The Home Front of World War II in Akron.” Green Public Library, September 2016.

“The Election of 1896.” McKinley Symposium, McKinley Museum, Canton, OH, September 2016.

“20th Century Vole, Mr. Neutron, and Spam: Portrayals of American Culture in the Work of Monty Python.” East Central Ohio Mensa Meeting, February 2015.

“The Ohio Experiment.” Cuyahoga Falls Historical Society, February 2015.

“Reflections on Writing *Ohio: A History of the Buckeye State*.” Mogadore Rotary Club, March 2014.

“Ohio As America: Themes in Ohio History.” Akron Woman’s City Club, March 2014.

“The Northwest Ordinance and Ohio History.” Lafayette Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution, February 2014.

“The Invention of Modern Ohio: Industrialization and Innovation in Ohio, 1850-1929.” Zanesville Museum of Art, December 2013.

“Revolutions: The Ohio and Erie Canal and the Making of Modern Ohio.” Warren-Trumbull County Public Library, June 2013.

“Ohio and the War of 1812.” Akron Woman’s City Club, May 2013.

“The Northwest Ordinance: The Most Overlooked Founding Document?” Webinar for the Ohio Historical Society, February 2013.

“Transportation and the Industrialization of Akron.” Northeast Ohio Historic Passenger Rail Conference, Akron, Ohio, November 2012.

“Contending Freedoms: Movement and the Meaning of Freedom in Ohio and the West.” Guest Speaker, Teaching American History Grant Seminar, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, September 2012.

“Ohio As America: How Ohio Became the State of the Nation.” Keynote Speaker, Toledo Colony, Society of Mayflower Descendants, Toledo, Ohio, April 2012.

“Inventive Ohio: How Ohio Represents the State of Invention.” Guest Speaker, Teaching American History Grant Seminar, Sidney, Ohio, October 2011.

“Freedoms and Statehood in Early Ohio.” Guest Speaker, Teaching American History Grant Seminar, Canton, Ohio, June 2011.

“Ohio As America: How Ohio Became the State of the Nation.” Keynote Speaker, Ohio Society of Mayflower Descendents Spring Meeting, Canton, Ohio, April 2011.

“A Free and Independent State, by the Name of the State of Ohio’: Struggles with Statehood in Early Ohio.” Guest Speaker, Teaching American History Grant Seminar, Chillicothe, Ohio, October 2010.

“Technology and Industrialization, 1870-1930: Ohio as America.” Guest Speaker, Teaching American History Grant Seminar, University of Akron, October 2010.

“Ohio Must Lead!: Ohio’s Contribution to American Military History from the Revolution to the Civil War.” Fort Laurens Museum, Bolivar, September 2009.

“American Independences.” Akron Rotary Club, June 2009.

“From the Editor’s Desk: Publishing Articles in History Journals.” Kent State University Department of History Preparing Future History Faculty Program, April 2009.

“The Impact of Surveying on Ohio Settlement Patterns.” Surveyors Historical Society Meeting, Akron, September 2008.

“Industrialization in Akron, 1870-1930.” Stan Hywet Hall and Gardens, Akron, July 2008.

“Industrialization in the United States, 1870-1930.” Guest Speaker, Teaching American History Grant Seminar, University of Akron, June 2008.

“The Making of Modern Akron.” Rockynol Retirement Community, Akron, April 2008.

“Akron and the Origins of Modern America.” Guest Speaker, Teaching American History Grant Seminar, University of Akron, June 2007.

“Towpath to Industrialization.” Archaeology and Oatmeal Exhibition, Cascade Locks Metropark, Akron, October 2006.

“Akron’s Industrial Past.” Archaeology Day, Old Mustill Store, Akron, July 2006

“Akron and the Origins of Modern America.” Guest Speaker, Teaching American History Grant Seminar, University of Akron, June 2006.

“Ohio: Child of the Revolution.” Keynote, Lafayette Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution, Akron, June 2006.

“The Legacy of Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka” Fiftieth Anniversary of *Brown v. Board* Symposium, University of Akron, April, 2004.

“Ohio, Mother of Precedents.” Law Day, Portage County Bar Association, Kent, May 2003.

“Ohio in the American Revolution” Keynote, Lafayette Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution, Akron, November 2001.

SCHOLARLY SERVICE

President, Ohio Academy of History, 2026-2027.

Vice President and President-Elect, Ohio Academy of History, 2025-2026.

Series Editor, *Ohio History and Culture*, University of Akron Press, 2015-

Editorial Board, University of Akron Press, 2013-
(Chair, August 2015-)

Secretary-Treasurer, Ohio Academy of History, 2008-2021.

Editorial Board, *Hail We Akron!: The Third Fifty Years of the University of Akron, 1870-2020*. Akron: University of Akron Press, 2020.

Co-Founder and Managing Editor, *Northeast Ohio Journal of History*, 2002-2016.

Book Review Editor, *H-Eugenics*, 2006-2011.

Executive Council, Ohio Academy of History, 2006-2021.

Consultant, College Board Advanced Placement® Best Practices Course Study Instructor Rating, Educational Policy Initiative Center, 2005-2006.

Chair, Ohio Academy of History Distinguished Publication Award Committee, 2005-2007.

External Reviewer, Utah Valley State College History Department, 2004-2005.

Reviewer, Program Development Plan and Final Program Draft, Youngstown

State University's proposed M.A. program in American Studies, 2004.

Ohio Academy of History Distinguished Publication Award Committee, 2002.

TELEVISION

"Looking Back on President McKinley's Tariffs and Legacy" with Nora McKeown, Spectrum News, April 13, 2025.

<https://spectrumnews1.com/oh/cleveland/news/2025/04/12/learning-more-about-mckinley-tariffs->

"President William McKinley's America," with Mo Rocca, CBS Sunday Morning, February 23, 2025.

<https://www.cbsnews.com/video/president-william-mckinleys-america/>

"Dynasty of Ohio Presidents," Episode of *Forum 360°*, Western Reserve Public Media, April 2024.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q960ulJKZ9w>

"The Ohio Dynasty of Presidents," Episode of *Lectures in History*, C-SPAN, 2023.

<https://www.c-span.org/video/?527328-1/ohio-dynasty-presidents>

Engineering Tragedy: The Ashtabula Train Disaster. On-air expert and script consultant. WQLN/PBS, 2022.

<https://www.pbs.org/video/engineering-tragedy-the-ashtabula-train-disaster-y8pdwa/>

Monumental Devotion: The McKinley National Memorial. On-air expert. Western Reserve Public Media, 2022.

<https://www.pbs.org/video/monumental-devotion-the-mckinley-national-memorial-5onsmj/>

The Forgotten Dead. On-air expert and script consultant. Western Reserve Public Media, 2020.

<https://video.westernreservepublicmedia.org/video/the-forgotten-dead-lpmdy5/>

Lost Voices of the Great War: Summit County in the First World War. On-air expert and script consultant. Western Reserve Public Media, 2018.

<https://video.westernreservepublicmedia.org/video/lost-voices-of-the-great-war-summit-county-in-wwi-2hem5i/>

How The States Got Their Shapes. Ohio expert, "Use it or Lose It" episode. The History Channel, 2011.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cuCz9JdnY88>

The States. Guest expert for “Ohio” segment. The History Channel, 2007.
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zzUccrTeZDE&list=PL7tw2Fn_tykyjiolKy_RFQyxqX9XIJFPE&index=6

RADIO

The Colin McEnroe Show. Connecticut Public Radio/NPR. Guest Historian (along with Yale Professor and Pulitzer-Prize-winning historian Beverly Gage) for “What the History of the McKinley Era, Tariffs, and the Gilded Age Can Teach Us About the Present discussion of William McKinley and the “Gilded Age” episode, 18 March 2025.

<https://www.ctpublic.org/show/the-colin-mcenroe-show/2025-03-18/what-the-history-of-the-mckinley-era-tariffs-and-the-gilded-age-can-teach-us-about-the-present>

The Ray Horner Show. WAKR AM-1590. Guest Historian, numerous appearances 2002-

PODCAST

Ohio v. the World. Guest expert, Season 8, episode 9, “The ‘Other’ Assassinations: The Political Murders of Presidents Garfield and McKinley.” October 2024.

<https://ohiotheworldpodcast.com/2024/10/28/the-other-assassinations-the-political-murders-of-presidents-garfield-and-mckinley/>

Ohio v. the World. Guest expert, Season 8, Episode 6, “Ohio and Cancel Culture: A Long History.” July, 2024.

<https://ohiotheworldpodcast.com/2024/07/01/ohio-and-cancel-culture-a-long-history/>

Ohio v. the World. Guest expert, Season 5, Episode 1, Parts 1 & 2, “William McKinley v. the World.” May 2020.

<https://ohiotheworldpodcast.com/2020/05/09/season-5-premiere-william-mckinley-v-the-world-part-1-and-2-is-out/>

DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

Distinguished Professor Committee Chair for Greg Wilson, fall 2023.

Americanist Coordinator, University of Akron, 2003-2004, 2012-2017.

African History Search Committee, University of Akron 2013.

Graduate Director, University of Akron History Department, 2007-2009, interim spring 2011.

Faculty Advisor, Phi Alpha Theta, University of Akron, 2003-2007.

African-American History Search Committee, University of Akron 2005.

Advisor, History Society, Bowling Green State University, 1999-2000.

Coordinator, United States History Fair, Bowling Green State University, 1999-2000.

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Buchtel College Council Representative, 2017-

University-wide COVID-19 Course Delivery/Scheduling Group, 2020.

UA Sesquicentennial Steering Committee, 2019-2020.

UA Sesquicentennial Publication Committee, 2019-2020.

Buchtel College of Arts and Sciences Sesquicentennial Committee, 2019-2020.

Sesquicentennial History Working Group, 2019-2020.

English/Modern Language Chair Search, 2019.

AAUP Executive Council, 2016-2018.

Faculty Advisor, National Society of Leadership and Success, Fall 2014-Fall 2016.

Arts and Sciences Strategic Directions Committee, 2015-2017.

Arts and Sciences Reappointment, Tenure, and Promotion Committee, 2012-2014.

Flute Search Committee, 2013-2014.

Graduate Council, 2010-2011.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Stewards of Historical Preservation: Incorporating member and Executive Board, 2017-2021.

STATE SERVICE

Ohio Statehood Day Planning Committee, 2018-2019.

DISSERTATION ADVISOR

Michael Megery, "The Geography Of Progress: Elite Conceptions Of Progress And Modernity In Cleveland, 1896-1938." Ph.D. conferred December 2024.

John R. Henris, "Apples Abound: Farmers, Orchards, and the Cultural Landscapes of Agrarian Reform, 1820-1860." Ph.D. conferred May 2009.

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, HONORS, AND AWARDS

External: Ohio Academy of History Distinguished Service Award, 2015
House Bill 748 Multi-Media Lab Grant (\$15,000), 2003
Rockefeller Archive Center Research Grant (\$1,500), 1998
Mortar Board National Foundation Graduate Fellowship (\$2000), 1986

University: EX[L] Center Spirit of Experiential Learning Award, May 2021
NRHH Outstanding Faculty Member Award, April 2021
EX[L] Center Faculty-Community Partnership Award, May 2019
Excellence in Teaching Award, National Society of Leadership and Success, November 2019.
Faculty Research Grant (\$8000), U. of A., summer 2004
Sally Miller Humanities Research Grant (\$2000), U of A., 2003
Phi Alpha Theta "Last Lecture" Award Recipient, BGSU, 2000
Distinguished Dissertation Award (\$500), BGSU, 1997.
Dissertation Fellowship, BGSU, Department of History, 1995-96.
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Bernard Sternsher Outstanding History Teaching Fellow, BGSU, 1995.
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Graduate Assistantship, BGSU, Department of History, 1991-94.
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Origins of Modern America, 1877-1917	Global History 1500-present
U.S. History 1917-1945	World War II
U.S. History 1945-Present	Historical Methods
U.S. Trans-Mississippi West	Prehistoric Archaeology
African-American History to 1865	Introduction to Africana Studies
African-American History 1865-present	Cultural Anthropology
Native-American History	Biology of the Black Experience
Ohio History	U.S. Science and Technology
Honors Colloquium: American Eugenics	History Practicum
Modern U.S. Graduate Reading Seminar	U.S. Graduate Writing Seminar
History of World Science & Technology	Early U.S. Graduate Reading Seminar
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American Historical Association
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