# CURRICULUM VITAE

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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.

## EMPLOYMENT

Associate Professor, University of Akron, 2007-present.
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

Major Article (41,000 words):

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

Other Refereed Articles:

"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): 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.

Book:

*Ohio: A History of the Buckeye State* (with Gregory Wilson). Wiley Publishing Co., Forthcoming, 2013.

Book Introduction:

"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) vii-xvi.

Book Chapter:

"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.

Encyclopedia Articles:

"Pneumatic Tire." *Discovery and Invention: A Historical Encyclopedia of Science, Technology, and Society.* James Ciment, ed. New York: M.E. Sharpe (2012).

"Paul Brown." *Sports in America from Colonial Times to the Twenty-First Century: An Encyclopedia.* Steven A. Riess, ed. New York: M.E. Sharpe (2012).

"Marion Motley." *Sports in America from Colonial Times to the Twenty-First Century: An Encyclopedia.* Steven A. Riess, ed. New York: M.E. Sharpe ( 2012).

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

"Franz Boas." *The Encyclopedia of Immigration, Migration, and Nativism in American History.* James S. Olsen and Bradley A. Olsen, eds. New York: Facts on File. (2010).

"Eugenics." *The Encyclopedia of Immigration, Migration, and Nativism in American History.* James S. Olsen and Bradley A. Olsen, eds. New York: Facts on File (2010).

"Immigration Restriction League." *The Encyclopedia of Immigration, Migration, and Nativism in American History.* James S. Olsen and Bradley A. Olsen, eds. New York: Facts on File (2010).

"Harry Laughlin." *The Encyclopedia of Immigration, Migration, and Nativism in American History.* James S. Olsen and Bradley A. Olsen, eds. New York: Facts on File (2010).

"Lothrop Stoddard." *The Encyclopedia of Immigration, Migration, and Nativism in American History.* James S. Olsen and Bradley A. Olsen, eds. New York: Facts on File (2010).

"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-

Course Materials:

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

Book Reviews:

*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).

Popular 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**

*The Galton Society, the American Eugenics Movement, and the Development of Modern Anthropology.* Book manuscript under preparation.

**CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION**

"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. 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. Lodz, Poland (October 2010)

Commentator: “Great Political Issues in 20th-Century Ohio” panel, Ohio Academy of History. 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, Heidelberg University, Tiffin, OH (April 2004).

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

“From Biological Determinism to Cultural Relativism: Eugenic Contributions to Modern Cultural Anthropology.” Ohio Academy of History, 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, 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**

“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 Descendent, 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.

“The States” Guest Ohio History expert for series on The History Channel

“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**

Secretary-Treasurer, Ohio Academy of History, 2008-

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

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

Executive Council, Ohio Academy of History, 2006-

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**

*The States.* History Channel series, 2007. Guest expert for "Ohio" segment.

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

**RADIO**

**"**The Ray Horner Show." WAKR AM-1590. Guest Historian, 2002-2007.

**DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE**

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

spring 2011.

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

Americanist Coordinator, University of Akron, 2003-2004.

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

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

## DISSERTATION ADVISOR

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: 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: 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.
Rock Research Travel Grant ($500), BGSU, 1995.
Bernard Sternsher Outstanding History Teaching Fellow, BGSU, 1995.
Teaching Fellow in History, BGSU, Department of History, 1994-95.
Graduate Assistantship, BGSU, Department of History, 1991-94.
Graduate Assistantship, Kent State University, 1986-89.

## PROFESSIONAL EDITORIAL SERVICE

Manuscript Referee, University of Akron Press, 2005, 2008, 2009, 2010.

Article Referee, *Brewery History,* 2010.

Reviewer, *The Ohio Adventure* (4th grade Ohio History textbook), Gibbs-Smith.

Reviewer, *The American Promise: A History of the United States, Volume 1.* Roark, Johnson, et al., 4th ed., Bedford St. Martin, 2010.

Editor and content contributor, *CultureGrams States Edition*, ProQuest, 2009. Edition.

Article Referee, *Ohio History*, 2009.

Reviewer, "The Rise and Fall of the YWCA of Summit County" (documentary), 2007.

Editorial Consultant, U.S. History in a Global Context textbook proposal, Houghton Mifflin, 2006.

Editorial Consultant, *America's Past in Global Perspective* text, McGraw-Hill, 2006.

Editorial Consultant, Ohio Social Studies Text, Harcourt, 2005.

Editorial Consultant, *Going to the Source: The Bedford Reader in American History,* Brown and Shannon, 2nd ed., 2005

Editorial Consultant, *The American Conversation,* Merrell, 2004.

Editorial Consultant, *Out of Many V. I*, Faragher, et al. 2003.

Editorial Consultant, *The American Promise V. I,* Roark, Johnson, et al. 2003.

Article Referee, *Journal of the Gilded Age and Progressive Era*, 2003.

Historical Consultant, Ask A Historian.com, 2000-Present.

Editorial Consultant, *Soul: An Experiencial History of African-Americans,* Contance Hilliard, 1st edition, 2000.

Editorial Consultant, *The American Nation*. Garraty and Carnes, 9th/10th editions, 1998-1999.

## COURSES PREVIOUSLY TAUGHT

U.S. History to 1877
U.S. History 1877 to present
Origins of Modern America, 1877-1917
U.S. History 1917-1945
U.S. History 1945-Present
U.S. Trans-Mississippi West
African-American History to 1865
African-American History 1865-present
Native-American History
Ohio History
Honors Colloquium: American Eugenics

World Civilizations to 1500
European History, 1648-present
Global History 1500-present
World War II
Historical Methods
Prehistoric Archaeology
Introduction to Africana Studies
Cultural Anthropology
Biology of the Black Experience
U.S. Science and Technology
History Practicum

U.S. Graduate Reading Seminar
History of World Science & Technology

U.S. Graduate Writing Seminar

**PROFESSIONAL AND HONORARY MEMBERSHIPS**

Research Associate, Cleveland Museum of Natural History
Organization of American Historians
American Historical Association
Ohio Academy of History
Ohio Historical Society
Phi Alpha Theta
Pi Gamma Mu
Phi Beta Kappa
Omicron Delta Kappa
Mortar Board (Pi Sigma Alpha)