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## EDUCATION

Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts  
Ph.D., History of American Civilization, 2012  
Dissertation Committee: Joyce Chaplin, David D. Hall, Lawrence Buell  
Fourth Reader: Lisa Brooks

Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts  
A.M., History, 2009

Harvard College, Cambridge, Massachusetts  
A.B., History and Literature, 2007, *magna cum laude*

## EMPLOYMENT

Associate Professor of History and American Studies, Trinity College, Hartford, CT, July 2018  
to the present

Assistant Professor of History and American Studies, Trinity College, Hartford, CT, July 2012 to  
June 2018

## BOOK

*Snowshoe Country: An Environmental and Cultural History of Winter in the Early American Northeast* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2018, paperback, 2019).

- Reviewed by Katherine Grandjean in *The English Historical Review* 135:576 (2020): 1327-1329.
- Reviewed by Jon T. Coleman, Rachel B. Herrmann, Andrew Lipman, Molly A. Warsh in *H-Environment Roundtable Reviews* 10:10 (2020).
- Reviewed by Andrea Smalley, *American Historical Review* 125:2 (2020): 643-644.
- Reviewed by Ted Steinberg, *Early American Literature* 55:1 (2020): 269-272.
- Featured on *Ben Franklin's World: A Podcast about Early American History*, Episode 267, December 3, 2019.
- Reviewed by Anya Zilberstein, *Journal of Interdisciplinary History* 50:3 (2020): 462-3.
- Reviewed by Andrew Detch, *H-War*, October 17, 2019.
- Reviewed by Michael Gunther, *Journal of American History* 106:2 (2019): 428-9.

- Reviewed by Claire Campbell, *William and Mary Quarterly* 76:2 (2019): 355-8.
- Reviewed by B.E. Johansen, *Choice*, March, 2019.
- Reviewed by Thomas Rumney, *Journal of Historical Geography* 63:1 (2019): 104-5.

## JOURNAL ARTICLES

“Our Best Places: Gender, Food Sovereignty, and Miantonomi’s Kin on the Connecticut River,” *Early American Studies* 19:2 (2021): 215-263.

“The Great Snow of 1717: Settler Landscapes, Deep Snow Cover, and Winter’s Environmental History,” *Northeastern Naturalist* 24: Special Issue 7 (2017): H81-114.

“‘Winters Embittered with Hardships’: Severe Cold, Wabanaki Power, and English Adjustments, 1690-1710,” *The William and Mary Quarterly*, 3<sup>rd</sup> ser., 72:1 (January 2015): 57-98.

“Arithmetic and Afro-Atlantic pastoral protest: The place of (in)numeracy in Gronniosaw and Equiano,” *Atlantic Studies*, 8:2 (June 2011): 189-212. Reprinted in *Abolitionist Places*, eds. Jared Hickman and Martha Schoolman (London: Taylor & Francis, 2013).

## OTHER PUBLICATIONS

“Spring Floods and Settler Colonial Ambivalence: A Microhistory of Freshets on Wright’s Island in the Mid-Nineteenth Century,” in *Rethinking American Disasters*, eds. Cynthia Kierner, Matthew Mulcahy, and Liz Skilton (Baton Rouge: Louisiana State University Press, 2023), 118-137.

“Narrating Indigenous Histories of Climate Change in the Americas and Pacific,” *Palgrave Handbook of Climate History*, eds. Christian Pfister, Sam White, and Franz Mauelshagen (London: Palgrave Macmillan, 2018), 387-411.

Scott R. Smedley and Thomas Wickman, “Preface,” *Northeastern Naturalist* 24: Special Issue 7, “Winter Ecology: Insights from Biology and History” (2017): ii-viii.

## BOOK REVIEWS

Review of Robert M. Morrissey, *People of the Ecotone: Environment and Indigenous Power at the Center of Early America* (Seattle: University of Washington Press, 2022), in *William and Mary Quarterly*, 3<sup>rd</sup> ser., 80:4 (October 2023): 780-784.

Review of *Dutch and Indigenous Communities in Seventeenth-Century Northeastern North America: What Archaeology, History, and Indigenous Oral Traditions Teach Us about Their Intercultural Relationships*, ed. Lucianne Lavin (Albany: State University of New York Press, 2021), in *Connecticut History Review* 62:2 (Fall 2023): 80-82.

Review of Strother Roberts, *Colonial Ecology, Atlantic Economy: Transforming Nature in Early New England* (Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2019), in *William and Mary Quarterly*, 3<sup>rd</sup> ser., 77:4 (October 2020): 706-710.

Review of Christopher Parsons, *A Not-So-New World: Empire and Environment in French Colonial North America* (2018) in *Canadian Historical Review* 101:1 (March 2020): 140-142.

Review of Katherine Grandjean, *American Passage: The Communications Frontier in Early New England* (2015) in *Journal of Historical Geography* 53 (July 2016): 117-118.

Review of Christopher Pastore, *Between Land and Sea: The Atlantic Coast and the Transformation of New England* (2014) in *William and Mary Quarterly*, 3<sup>rd</sup> ser., 73:2 (April 2016): 376-382.

## WEB-BASED WRITING

Response to four roundtable reviews of *Snowshoe Country: An Environmental and Cultural History of Winter in the Early American Northeast* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2018), in *H-Environment Roundtable Reviews* 10:10 (October, 2020), edited and with an introduction by Kara Schlichting, with contributions by Jon T. Coleman, Rachel B. Herrmann, Andrew Lipman, Molly A. Warsh. <https://networks.h-net.org/wickman-snowshoe-country-environmental-and-cultural-history-winter-early-american-northeast>

“Assigning *Memory Lands* in New England Classrooms in 2020 and Beyond,” *H-Environment Roundtable Reviews* 10:7 (2020): 19-24, response to Christine Delucia, *Memory Lands: King Philip’s War and the Place of Violence in Northeast* (New Haven: Yale University Press, 2018). <https://networks.h-net.org/delucia-memory-lands-king-philip’s-war-and-place-violence-northeast-roundtable-vol-10-no-7-2020>

“Signs of Change in Climate History,” *H-Environment Roundtable Reviews* 8:6 (2018): 16-19, review of Dagomar Degroot, *The Frigid Golden Age: Climate Change, the Little Ice Age, and the Dutch Republic, 1560-1720* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2018). <https://networks.h-net.org/degroot-frigid-golden-age-roundtable-review-vol-8-no-6-2018>

“Light Blue Books: Reading about Winter Ecology and Climate History,” 4 February 2015, *Uncommon Sense*, blog of the Omohundro Institute of Early American History and Culture, <http://blog.oieahc.wm.edu/light-blue-books-reading-about-winter-ecology-and-climate-history/>.

## PRESENTATIONS

“‘Our Coves’: Tidal Fishing Nets, Conflict in the 1630s, and #LandBack in the Native Northeast,” Conference Paper, American Society for Environmental History, Annual Meeting, March 23, 2023, Boston, MA

“Grounded Histories of Climate in the Native Northeast and Colonial New England,” invited lecture in honor of John Quinlan Murphy, July 9, 2022, Redwood Library, Newport, RI

“Dawnland Winters: Decolonizing One Season’s History,” invited lecture, July 7, 2022, Museum of the White Mountains, Plymouth, NH

“A Political Ecology of When and Where: Phenology, Fowling, and Trespass in the 1630s,” conference paper, McNeil Center for Early American Studies (MCEAS), University of Pennsylvania, “The Climate Crisis: Early Americanists Respond,” June 16-17, 2022, Philadelphia, PA

“Snowshoes, Wabanaki Sovereignty, and ‘New England Winters’ in the Colonial Imagination,” invited lecture, Trinity ALL, April 14, 2022, Hartford, CT

“Sequassen and Land Acknowledgments at Suckiaug/Hartford,” conference paper, Organization of American Historians, April 2, 2022, Boston, MA

“Snow Cover and Winter Knowledge in the Little Ice Age,” invited lecture, Historic Deerfield lecture series, “The Big Chill: Early History of Climate Change,” March 27, 2022, via Zoom

“Winter’s History and Winter’s Future,” invited lecture, January 26, 2022, Mather Homestead, Darien, CT

“Wintering Well in Native New England: Histories and Futures,” Presentation, Indigenous History Conference (online), “Here It Began: 2020 Hindsight or Foresight,” October 4, 2020, organized by Linda Coombs and Joyce Rain Anderson, Wampanoag Advisory Committee, Plymouth 400, Bridgewater State University, Bridgewater, MA

“Winter’s History and Winter’s Future,” Invited Lecture, SUNY-Albany, December 5, 2019, Albany, NY

“‘[O]ur plaines,’ our ‘grass,’ ‘our Coves,’ ‘our Clambanks’: Deep Time, Sustenant Landscapes, and Gendered Sovereignty in Miantonomi’s Speech,” North American Conference on British Studies, November 15, 2019, Vancouver, BC, Canada

“Snow and Subsistence,” Invited Lecture, Professor Anya Zilberstein’s course Edible Environments, Concordia University, July 17, 2019, Montreal, QC, Canada

“Black Fertile Earth: Governing Land and River at Suckiaug/Hartford, 1633-1650,” featured paper, May 17, 2019, CUNY Early American Republic Seminar, New York, NY

“Black Fertile Earth: A Political Ecology of Suckiaug/Hartford,” Presentation, MIT Seminar on Environmental and Agricultural History, February 22, 2019, Cambridge, MA

Invited Lecture on *Snowshoe Country: An Environmental and Cultural History of Winter in the Early American Northeast*, Amherst College, February 21, 2019, Amherst, MA

“Native American Environmental History,” Panel Discussion with Lisa Brooks, Strother Roberts, Ashley Smith, and Cedric Woods, Massachusetts Historical Society, October 9, 2018, Boston, MA

“Spring Floods and the Shape of Change on the Lower Connecticut,” Conference Paper, Omohundro Institute of Early American History and Culture, Annual Meeting, June 15, 2018, Williamsburg, VA

“Snowshoes and Sense of Place in the Anglo-Wabanaki Wars, 1675-1725,” Invited Lecture, Old Berwick Historical Society’s “Forgotten Frontier: Untold Stories of the Piscataqua” Lecture Series, November 16, 2017, South Berwick, ME

“Urban-Colonial Climate Histories,” Presentation, Radcliffe Institute Seminar, Climate and Colonization: The Case of North America, October 20, 2017, Cambridge, MA

“What We Talk About When We Talk About Winter,” Presentation, Radcliffe Institute Seminar, Climate and Colonization: The Case of North America, October 19, 2017, Cambridge, MA

“The Politics of Springtime in the Anthropocene,” Invited Talk with Members of TREEhouse, Trinity College, April 22, 2017, Hartford, CT

“Hoofed Animals in the Snow: Ungulate Geographies and Indigenous Knowledge in the Little Ice Age,” Conference Paper, American Society for Environmental History, Annual Meeting, March 31, 2017, Chicago, IL

“Yoked for Winter: Oxen, the Anglo-Wabanaki Wars, and the Little Ice Age,” Conference Paper, Omohundro Institute of Early American History and Culture, Annual Meeting, June 25, 2016, Worcester, MA

“Cold Bodies and Continuance in the Native Northeast: Indigenous Women’s Access to Mudflats in the Little Ice Age,” Conference Paper, Native American and Indigenous Studies Association, Annual Meeting, May 21, 2016, Honolulu, HI

“Icy Prospects, Hard Falls, and Boreal Analogies in Colonial New England,” Conference Paper, Ice Cubed: An Inquiry into the Aesthetics, History, and Science of Ice, Columbia University, Heyrman Center for the Humanities, April 15, 2016, New York, NY

“Snowshoes and Counter-Atlantic Spaces,” Chapter Presentation, Atlantic History Workshop, New York University, December 8, 2015, New York City, NY

“From the First Snow: Indigenous and Colonial Knowledge of Snowfall and Snow Cover in the Northeast,” Chapter Presentation, Early Modern Atlantic Workshop, University of Minnesota, November 13, 2015, Minneapolis, MN

“The Political Ecology of Frostfish in Dawnland during the Little Ice Age,” Conference Paper, International Conference of Historical Geographers, July 9, 2015, London, UK

“The Great Snow of 1717: English and Algonkian Interpretations,” Invited Lecture, Colonial Society of Massachusetts, April 16, 2015, Boston, MA

“English Snowshoe Patrols in Wabanakia, 1704-1725,” Invited Lecture, Society of Colonial Wars in Connecticut, May 1, 2014, Hartford CT

“New Directions in Historiography,” Invited Guest, History 299, Historiography, Professor Jonathan Elukin, Spring 2014, Trinity College, Hartford, CT

“No Winter Too Hard: Climate and Survivance in Four Wabanaki Stories,” March 11, 2014, Invited Lecture, TREEhouse lecture series, Trinity College, Hartford, CT

“Dead Sheep and ‘Wild’ Winter Vistas: The Crisis of Pastoral Landscapes in the Era of Anglo-Wabanaki Wars, 1675-1725,” Conference Paper, January 4, 2014, American Historical Association, Annual Meeting, Washington, DC

“Perilous Connection: Boston Neck, Freezing Deaths, and the Seasonal Microgeography of Colonial Power,” Paper Presentation at One-day Symposium, “Connecting to the City: Borders and Belongings to Urban Places in the Past and Present,” April 20, 2013, Trinity College, Center for Urban & Global Studies, Hartford, CT

“‘Good Meat & Good Skins’: Early Winter Game and Political Ecology on the Maritime Peninsula, 1620-1727,” Featured Paper, Massachusetts Historical Society, Boston Environmental History Seminar Series, April 9, 2013, Boston, MA

“Into the Winter Woods: Snowshoes and Environmental Access on the Contested Maritime Peninsula, 1703-1727,” Conference Paper, January 5, 2013, American Historical Association, Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA

“Great Snows and Big Animals: Moose and Other Ungulates on the Contested Maritime Peninsula in the Little Ice Age, 1675-1700,” Conference Paper, “Two Kingdoms: New Perspectives on Flora and Fauna in Environmental History,” Yale University Working Group on Global Environmental History, Saturday, April 14, 2012, New Haven, CT

“Hunting: Moose Ecology and Indian Independence, 1675-1700,” Workshop Presentation, Harvard American Studies Workshop, Harvard University, March 21, 2012, Cambridge, MA

“Numeracy and Self-Making: Recovering the Calculations of Former Slaves in North America,” Conference Paper, American Historical Association Annual Meeting, January 7, 2012, Chicago, IL

“Winter Spirits: Indian Freezing Deaths around Boston, 1630-1717,” Conference Paper, Northeast Conference on British Studies, October 29, 2011, Worcester, MA

“Worlds of Winter: Winter Lore in the Jesuit Relations, 1632-1654,” Workshop Presentation,

Harvard American Studies Workshop, Harvard University, April 8, 2009, Cambridge, MA

“Winter Writing and Northern Creole Identity in Early New England,” Workshop Presentation, Early Americanist Workshop, Harvard University, February 9, 2009, Cambridge, MA

## **AWARDS**

2014, Strengthening Sustainability in Trinity's Curriculum Grant (Mellon), Trinity College, Hartford, CT

2011, Graduate Society Dissertation Completion Fellowship, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, full funding for the academic year of 2011-12

2010, Certificate of Distinction in Teaching – for Spring 2010, History 1318, Derek Bok Center, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA

2007, Thomas Temple Hoopes Prize – for outstanding scholarly work or research, awarded by a committee within the Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Harvard College, Cambridge, MA

2007, Dorothy Hicks Lee Prize – for most outstanding thesis concerning African or African American Literature, awarded by the Department of African and African American Studies, Harvard College, Cambridge, MA

2007, Perry Miller Prize – for thesis of high distinction on a topic in the field of America, awarded by the Program in History and Literature, Harvard College, Cambridge, MA

## **TEACHING**

### Trinity College, Hartford, CT, Associate Professor

History 311 / American Studies 320: Sense of Place in the Native Northeast (2023, 2021x2, 2020, 2018)

History 219: Planet Earth: Past, Present, and Future (2022, 2021, 2020, 2018)

History 220 / American Studies 220: Possible Earths (2023, 2022)

History 201 / American Studies 202: Early America (2022x2, 2020, 2019)

History 300: History Workshop (2019)

American Studies 203: Conflicts and Cultures in American Society (2023 2022, 2020x2, 2019)

### Trinity College, Hartford, CT, Assistant Professor

History 299: What is History? (2018, 2017, 2016, 2015)

History 311: Sense of Place in the Native Northeast (2017, 2016, 2015, 2014)

History 219: Planet Earth: Past, Present, and Future (2017, 2016, 2014)

History 208: North American Environmental History (2013, 2012)

History 201: Early America (2018, 2016, 2014, 2012)

History 300: History Workshop (2013)

History 298: Introductory History Seminar (2017)

History 390: Food and Power in the Americas, 1492-1900 (2013)

American Studies 203: Conflicts and Cultures in American Society (2018, 2017, 2016, 2015)  
FYSM 190: Food and Power in the Americas, 1492-1888 (2014, 2013)

Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, Teaching Fellow

History 1457: History of American Capitalism, Professor Sven Beckert (2011)

History 1318: History of Books and Reading, Professor Ann Blair (2010)

US in the World 19: American Food, a Global History, Professor Joyce Chaplin (2010)

**SELECTED THESES ADVISED**

2018, Primary Thesis Adviser, Weatherly Saunders, “The Bluefish, An Unsolved History: Spencer Fullerton Baird’s Window into Southern New England’s Coastal Fisheries,” history department, Trinity College  
D.G. Brinton Thompson Prize, Trinity College

2017, Primary Thesis Adviser, Sedona Georgescu, “Fear Thy Neighbor: Spatial Relations in the 17<sup>th</sup>-century New England Witch-Hunt Trials,” history department, Trinity College  
Miles A. Tuttle Prize, Trinity College

2017, Primary Thesis Adviser, Elizabeth Askren, “Examining the Historiography of Indigenous Enslavement in Southern New England,” history department, Trinity College  
D.G. Brinton Thompson Prize, Trinity College

2015, Primary Thesis Adviser, Codyann Patrino, “‘I Came Out of the Frying Pan into the Fire’: Regional Perceptions of Food Experiences in Antebellum Slave Narratives, 1825-1863,” history department, Trinity College  
Miles A. Tuttle Prize for best thesis in the history department, Trinity College  
D.G. Brinton Thompson Prize, Trinity College

2014, Primary Thesis Adviser, Michael McLean, “‘We Thought We Had Some Trouble Last Year’: Destruction, Survival, and Community during the Civil War on ‘Indian Territory,’” history department, Trinity College  
Miles A. Tuttle Prize, Trinity College  
American Studies Prize, Trinity College

2013, Primary Thesis Adviser, Emma W. Sternlof, “History, Language, and Power: James Hammond Trumbull’s Native American Scholarship”  
Miles A. Tuttle Prize, Trinity College

**SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION**

Commenter on papers by Camden Elliott and Molly Nebiolo, “Health, Disease, and Early American Environments: A Panel Discussion,” Pauline Maier Early American Seminar, Massachusetts Historical Society, Boston, Massachusetts, March 2, 2021

Respondent in book manuscript workshop for Samuel Dolbee, “Locusts of Power: Borders, Empire, and Environment in the Modern Middle East,” *Agrarian Studies*, Yale University, May 7, 2020

Commenter on featured paper at Boston Environmental History Seminar, Massachusetts Historical Society, Hannah Anderson’s “Lived Botany: Settler Colonialism, Household Knowledge Production, and Natural History in Eighteenth-Century Philadelphia,” December 12, 2017

Co-editor with Scott R. Smedley of “Winter Ecology: Insights from Biology and History,” *Northeastern Naturalist* 24, Special Issue 7 (2017), featuring five history articles and fifteen biology articles

Anonymous article reviews for:

*Oxford Bibliographies*

*William and Mary Quarterly*

*Early American Studies*

*Acadiensis*

*Business History*

“The Persistent ‘Puzzle of...Climate’: Climatic and Microclimatic Challenges to Atlantic Empires,” Panel Organizer, January 4, 2014, American Historical Association, Annual Meeting, Washington, DC

“Everyday Calculations: Varieties of Commercial Numeracy in Early America,” Panel Co-organizer with Caitlin Rosenthal, American Historical Association Annual Meeting, January 7, 2012, Chicago, IL

“Environmental(ist) Interventions I,” Panel Chair, Professor Larry Buell: A Symposium, Harvard University, October 15, 2011, Cambridge, MA