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Education: Ph.D., History, Rutgers University, May 1997.
M.A., History, New Mexico State University, July 1989.
B.A., Government, Pomona College, May 1983.

Honors and Fellowships:

- 2007 Researcher of the Year Award. College of Humanities Arts and Social Sciences. Utah State University.
- Mountain West Faculty Fellowship. Mountain West Center for Regional Studies. Utah State University. July 2006-July 2008.
- Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research, Conference Grant. For support of "Indians, Labor, And Capitalist Culture: A Colloquium of Historians, Ethnohistorians, and Anthropologists," at the Newberry Library, September 22-23, 2006.
- 2006 Gaspar Pérez de Villagr  Award. (For outstanding publication by an individual or individuals) Historical Society of New Mexico, April 2006.
- New Faculty Research Grant. Utah State University. June 2005-July 2006.
- Bill and Rita Clements Research Fellow for the Study of Southwestern America. Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas. August 2002 to May 2003.
- John Topham and Susan Redd Butler Faculty Fellowship for 2002. Charles Redd Center for Western Studies, Brigham Young University, April 2002.
- State Faculty Support Grant, reduced time. California Polytechnic State University. San Luis Obispo, CA, Fall 2001.
- Faculty Development Grant. California Polytechnic State University. San Luis Obispo, CA Spring 2001.
- Gilberto Espinosa Prize for the best written and researched article published in 1999 in the *New Mexico Historical Review*.
- State Faculty Support Grant, reduced time. California Polytechnic State University. San Luis Obispo, CA, Fall 2000.
- State Faculty Support Grant, Summer Stipend. California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, CA. Summer 2000.
- NEH Faculty Development Grant. Summer 1998. College of New Rochelle, New Rochelle, NY.
- NEH Curriculum Development Grant. Summer 1998. College of New Rochelle, New Rochelle, NY. For the development of a study/travel course that explores Economic development and cultural innovation of American Indian communities in the Southwest.
- Resident Graduate Student Fellow. Center for the Critical Analysis of Contemporary Culture. Rutgers University. New Brunswick, NJ. 1996-97.
- Walter Rundell Graduate Student Award, Western History Association, 1994.
- Ira C. Clark, Outstanding Graduate Student in History, New Mexico State University, Spring 1989.
- Steele-Jones Fellowship in History, New Mexico State University, 1988.
- Kaiser Foundation Travel Grant, Walter P. Reuther Labor Archives, Wayne State University, Detroit, MI. Summer 1988.

Publications

Books:

Working the Navajo Way: Labor and Culture in the Twentieth Century (Lawrence: University Press of Kansas, 2005). Winner of the 2006 Gaspar Pérez de Villagr a Award from the Historical Society of New Mexico.

Co-edited with Brian Hosmer, *Native Pathways: American Indian Culture and Economic Development in the Twentieth Century* (Boulder: University Press of Colorado, 2004).

Co-edited with Jeffrey P. Brown and Andrew Wigget. *A Guide to Oral History Collections in New Mexico*. New Mexico Heritage Center, New Mexico State University, Las Cruces, NM, 1990.

Peer Reviewed Essays, Book Chapters and Encyclopedia Articles

"Jobs and Sovereignty: Tribal Employment Rights and Energy Development in the 20th Century," in *Indians and Energy: Opportunity or Exploitation?* (Santa Fe: School of Advanced Research Press, forthcoming).

"Bisbee Deportation," *Encyclopedia of U.S. Labor and Working Class History* (Routledge/Taylor and Francis, 2007).

"Native Americans," *Encyclopedia of U.S. Labor and Working Class History* (Routledge/Taylor and Francis, 2007).

"The 'Making' of the Navajo Worker: Navajo Households, the Bureau of Indian Affairs and Off Reservation Wage Work, 1948-1960." *New Mexico Historical Review* 74(October 1999), 375-405. Winner of the 1999 *New Mexico Historical Review's* Gilberto Espinosa Prize.

Reprinted in Roger L. Nichols, ed., *The American Indian, Past and Present*, Sixth Edition (Norman: University of Oklahoma Press, 2008), 307-326.

"Domesticity Deployed: Gender, Race, and the Construction of Class Struggle in the Bisbee Deportation," *Labor History*, 34(Spring-Summer 1993), 256-273.

Works in Progress

"Charity or Industry?: Gendering of Work Relief in Indian Country in the New Deal Era," in *Women at Work: A Transnational study of Aboriginal and Native American Women's Labour from the late 19th century to the Modern Era*, ed. Joan Sangster and Carol Williams (forthcoming)

Labor and Sovereignty: History of American Indian Workers, 1890-1990. (work in progress)

Labor's Borders: Race and Citizenship in the Southwest (work in progress)

Reviews

Review of Doug Brugge, Timothy Benally and Esther Yazzie-Lewis, ed. *The Navajo People and Uranium Mining* (Albuquerque: University of New Mexico Press, 2006), *Pacific Historical Review* 77(August 2008), 514-515.

Review of Tom Holm, *The Great Confusion in Indian Affairs: Native Americans and Whites in the Progressive Era* (Austin: University Press of Texas, 2005). *Pacific Historical Review* 76(May 2007), 293.

Review of Paige Raibmon, *Authentic Indians: Episodes of Encounter in the Late-Nineteenth-Century Northwest Coast* (Durham, NC: Duke University Press, 2005). *Labor: Studies in Working Class History of the Americas* 4(Spring 2007), 111-112.

Review of Kathleen Chamberlain, *Under Sacred Ground: History of Navajo Oil, 1922-1982* (Albuquerque, NM, University of New Mexico Press, 2000). *Western Historical Quarterly*, 32(Winter 2001), 518.

Review of Martha Knack and Alice Littlefield, *Native Americans and Wage Labor: Ethnohistorical Perspectives* (Norman, University of Oklahoma Press, 1996). *Labor History* 38(Winter 1996-97), 98-99.

Co-authored with Lisa Kannenberg and Michelle Brattain, "North American Labor History Conference: Men Women and Labor," *International Labor and Working Class History* 42(Fall 1992), 94-96.

Teaching and Professional Experience

Associate Editor, *Western Historical Quarterly*. Utah State University. Logan, Utah. July 2004 to the present.

Associate Professor of History. Utah State University. Logan, Utah. Fall 2004 to the present.

Assistant Professor of Ethnic Studies. California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, CA. Fall 1999 to Spring 2004.

Assistant Professor of History. College of New Rochelle. New Rochelle, NY. Fall 1997 to Spring 1999.

Instructor, Rutgers University--New Brunswick. Native American History, Part II. Summer Session 1997.

Instructor, Rutgers University--New Brunswick. "Constructing Your Own Web Page for Teaching." Workshop for Prof. Rudolph Bell's graduate course, The Teaching of History. February 1997.

Instructor, Rutgers University--New Brunswick. Expository Writing I. 1993-1995.

Instructor, Rutgers University--New Brunswick. The Development of United States to 1877. Summer session 1994.

Instructor, Rutgers University--Newark. U.S. Women's History; Images of Workers through Film. Summer sessions, 1991-93.

Production manager, Women of New Mexico State University: The First Fifty Years. (Video). New Mexico Women's Archives, New Mexico State University, Las Cruces, NM, 1989-90.

Conference Papers, Invited Lectures and Public Presentations

Comment for "Indigenous Peoples and National Labor Systems," session at Workers, the Nation-State, and Beyond: The Newberry Conference on Labor History Across the Americas, Chicago, IL, (International conference, invited) September 19-20, 2008.

"American Indian Women in the WPA Sewing Project," Indigenous Women, Labour and Colonization International Workshop, Trent University, Peterborough, Ontario, August 14-17, 2008.

- "Reviewing and Refereeing: Suggestions for Good Citizenship in the World of Academic Publishing," Roundtable on Publishing, American Historical Association, Pacific Coast Branch, Pasadena, CA , August 9, 2008.
- "Charity or Industry?: Gendering of Work Relief in Indian Country in the New Deal Era," Berkshire Conference on the History of Women, Minneapolis, MN, June 14, 2008.
- "Making Alternative Histories in an American Indian Context," American Ethnological Society/The Society for the Anthropology of North America annual meeting, Wrightsville Beach, North Carolina April 3rd - 5th, 2008
- "Jobs and Sovereignty: Tribal Employment Rights and Energy Development in the 20th Century," Indians and Energy Symposium, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, TX. April 10-13, 2008.
- "Response: Colleen O'Neill's *Working the Navajo Way*," Social Science History Conference, Chicago, IL, November 15, 2007 (This was a session dedicated to the discussion of my book. I delivered a response to the commentary)
- "The Diné Roots of Tribal Employment Rights," Navajo Studies Conference, Diné College, Tsaile, Arizona, November 3, 2007
- "American Indians and American Working Class History: historiographic challenges," Roundtable presentation, "American Indians and Capitalist Culture," Organization of American Historians Annual Meeting, Minneapolis, NM March 31, 2007.
- "Joan Jensen and *This Place I Call Home*, A Personal Appraisal," invited lecture, New Mexico State University, Las Cruces, NM. March 6, 2007.
- 'I Had To Stand Up for My People': Conversations with Kenneth White, a Navajo Labor Activist HASS Hour Talk, The Italian Place, Logan, UT. August 17, 2006.
- Moderator, "*Gendering Labor History: Alice Kessler-Harris and US Labor History*," North American Labor History Conference, Detroit, MI, October, 2006.
- "Labor Rights or Sovereignty Rights?: The Tribal Employment Rights Ordinance and the Transformation of Work in Postwar Reservation Communities." American Indians and the Culture of Capitalism, workshop at the Newberry Library, Sept 22-23, 2006.
- "Whose West?: Perspectives and History." Invited Lecture, Bridgerland PATHS, Teaching American History Project Seminar. American West Historical Center, June 8, 2006.
- "Real Women of the Mythic West," Invited lecture. Utah Festival Opera, literary series. Eccles Theatre, Logan Utah. August 4, 2005.
- "Labor Rights are Sovereignty Rights: Indian Hiring Preference and the Labor Movement on the Navajo Reservation in the 1970s," Southwest Labor Studies Association/Labor and Working Class History Association Conference, May 7, 2005.
- "Weaving a Living: Gender and the Incorporation of Navajo Households into the U.S. Market Economy," American Historical Association, Pacific Coast Branch annual meeting. Honolulu, HI. August 3, 2003.
- Commentator for "Negotiating Space," Western Historical Association 41st Annual Conference, October 4 - 7, 2001. San Diego, CA.
- "Mining Coal Like Herding Sheep: Kinship, Navajo Coal and the BIA 1930-1950." Invited lecture, University of California, Riverside, Department of Anthropology. June 1, 2001.

- "The Significance of American Indians in U.S. Labor History," North American Labor History Conference. Detroit, MI, October 19, 2000.
- "Rethinking Modernization Frameworks for American Indian History: Lessons from the Third World," Western History Association, San Antonio, TX, October 14, 2000.
- Chair and Commentator for "Culture and Community: Gender, Race and Sexuality in California's Popular Front," Southwest Labor Studies Association Meeting, Long Beach, California. May 6, 2000
- "Workshop for Women (and Other) Historians: Getting and Keeping a Job," Western History Association, Portland Oregon, October 6, 1999.
- "'Making a Living and Working Elsewhere': Navajo Workers and the Construction of the 'Traditional' in an Industrial Landscape, 1948-1973." American Historical Association Annual Meeting, Seattle, Washington, January 9, 1998.
- "Lessons from the *Salt of the Earth* Strike: Implications for the Labor Movement." Workshop for the New Jersey Education Association Leadership Conference, Somerset, NJ. August 17, 1998.
- "The Making of a Navajo Wage-Worker: The Navajo Household and Wage-Work, 1948-1972." Western History Association Annual Conference, St. Paul MI, October 18, 1997.
- "Mining Coal Like Herding Sheep: *Hózhó* and the Transformation of Navajo Household Ecologies, 1930-60." Center for the Critical Analysis of Contemporary Culture, Rutgers University, January 29, 1997.
- "Navajo Workers and White Man's Ways: Race, Sovereignty and Organized Labor on the Navajo Reservation in the 1950s," American Studies Association Meeting, Kansas City, MO. October 31-November 2, 1996.
- "Mining Coal the 'Navajo Way': Independent Navajo Coal Miners and their Struggle for Autonomy in New Mexico 1930 - 1960." Oral History Association Meeting, Philadelphia, PA. October 10-13, 1996.
- "Maintaining 'Harmony' in a Capitalist Economy: The Indigenous Coal Industry and the Transformation of the Navajo Household." North American Labor History Conference, Wayne State University, Detroit, MI. October 21-23, 1995.
- "Womenfolk and Union Men: International Union of Mine, Mill, and Smelter Workers, 1947-1957." Berkshire Women's History Conference, Vassar College, Poughkeepsie, NY, June 12, 1993.
- "Feminism in the Labor Movement: the 1950s." Invited lecture, Adult Institute of Metro-West, Morristown, NJ, April 19, 1992.
- "Salt of the Earth as a Historical Document." Invited lecture, Women's Film Series, State University of New York, Binghamton. April 8, 1994.
- "Domestic Defiance: The Women of the Bisbee Deportation." Thirteenth Annual North American Labor History Conference, Wayne State University, Detroit, MI. October 17-19, 1991.

Professional and Community Service

Council member, American Historical Association, Pacific Coast Branch, 2007-2010.

Native American Task Force committee. Utah State University, Fall 2007 to the present.

- Board member, Women and Gender Research Institute. Utah State University. Spring 2007- to the present.
- Board member, Labor and Working Class History Association. Fall 2007 to the present.
- Co-chair, Program Committee, Western History Association Meeting, 2009.
- Co-chair, Program Committee, Labor and Working Class History Association, Summer 2007 to the present.
- College of Reviewers for the Canada Research Chairs Program. Spring 2007 to the present.
- Graduate Accreditation Committee. History Department, Utah State University. Summer 2006 to the present.
- Tenure and Promotion criteria committee, History Department, Utah State University. Spring 2007 to the present.
- Local arrangements committee, Western History Association annual meeting, 2008.
- Program committee, Labor and Working Class History Association, 2006-2007.
- Board of contributing editors, *Labor: Studies in Working Class History in the Americas*, 2006-2009.
- Arrington Essay Award Selection Committee, Utah State University. Summer 2006.
- Promotion and tenure committees, Utah State University, Fall 2005 to the present.
- Promotion and tenure outside evaluator, New Mexico State University, Northern Arizona University. University of Wyoming, 2006-2008.
- Finances & Fundraising Coordinator, Allies on Campus. Utah State University. September 2005 to 2007.
- Editorial Board, Women's Western Voices Series. University of Arizona Press. Fall 2004 to the present.
- History Department Scholarship Committee Chair. Utah State University, Spring 2005.
- Advisory Committee, American Studies Program. Utah State University, Fall 2004 to the present.
- Advisory Board for the *St. James Encyclopedia of Labor History Worldwide* (St. James Press, 2003) Fall 2001.
- Women's Studies Advisory Board, CalPoly. Fall 2001
- Peer reviewer for State Faculty Support Grant. CalPoly. Winter 2000.
- Faculty Merit Increase Appeals Committee. CalPoly. Winter 2000.
- Chair, Irene Ledesma Prize Committee, Coalition for Western Women's History. Summer 1999.
- Curriculum Committee Chair, Ethnic Studies Department, California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, CA. Fall 2000 to 2003
- United States Cultural Pluralism Committee. California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, CA. Fall 2000 to 2003

University Representative for the Morris Udall Fellowship. Fall 2000 to Fall 2003.

Program Committee Chair, Ethnic Studies Department, California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, CA. Fall 1999 to Fall 2000.

Lyceum Committee, College of Liberal Arts, California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, CA. Fall 1999 to Fall 2000.

Referees and Consulting

Book proposals and manuscripts, University of Oklahoma Press, University of Texas Press, University of Arizona Press, Winter 2003-Present.
Article Manuscripts, *American Indian Quarterly*, *Western Historical Quarterly*, *Space and Society*.
Labor: Studies in Working Class History of the Americas

Professional Associations

Organization of American Historians, Western History Association, Labor and Working Class History Association, Coalition for Western Women's History, Southwest Labor Studies Association, Society for Ethnohistory, Berkshire Conference of Women Historians, American Historical Association – Pacific Coast Branch, Social Science History.

Research and Teaching fields

U.S. History, American Indian History, labor history, U.S. Western History and U.S. women's history