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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.

**Professional Experience**

- Coeditor, *Western Historical Quarterly*. Utah State University. Logan, Utah. October 2008-present.
- Associate Editor, *Western Historical Quarterly*. Utah State University. Logan, Utah. July 2004 to October 2008.
- 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.

**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  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

- "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 19<sup>th</sup> century to the Modern Era*, ed. Joan Sangster and Carol Williams (University of Illinois Press, in press).
- "Introduction: Labor and Empire, Indigenous Peoples and Labor Systems," in *Workers, the Nation-State and Beyond: Essays in Labor History Across the Americas* edited by Leon Fink, Eileen Boris, John French, Julie Greene, Joan Sangster, and Shelton Stromquist (NY: Oxford University press, in press).
- "Jobs and Sovereignty: Tribal Employment Rights and Energy Development in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century," in *Indians and Energy: Opportunity or Exploitation?* (Santa Fe: School of Advanced Research Press, in press).
- "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

- "Interwoven Economic Histories: American Indians in a Capitalist America," coauthored with Alexandra Harmon and Paul Rosier, (submitted to the *Journal of American History*).
- Labor and Sovereignty: History of American Indian Workers, 1890-1990* (work in progress).
- "When the Trucks Were Made for Men: Women and the Transformation of Male Work Culture in American Indian Communities," Multi-media website. (in development)

### Reviews

- Andrew Parnaby, *Citizen Docker: Making a New Deal on the Vancouver Waterfront, 1919-1939* (Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 2008). *Pacific Historical Review* 78(November 2009), 645-646.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

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.

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.

### **Grants and Fellowships:**

- 2010 National Endowment of the Humanities Fellowship (\$50,400, submitted)
- 2009 Archie Green Fellowship. The American Folklife Center, Library of Congress. (\$45,000 – finalist, encouraged to resubmit)
- 2009 College of Humanities Arts and Social Sciences Seed Grant, HASS Seed Grant. (awarded \$5,500)
- 2006 Mountain West Faculty Fellowship. Mountain West Center for Regional Studies. Utah State University. (awarded \$6,000)
- 2006 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. (awarded \$5500)
- 2006 Charles Redd Center for Western Studies, Conference Support funding for “Indians, Labor, and Capitalist Culture: A Colloquium of Historians, Ethnohistorians, and Anthropologists,” at the Newberry Library. (awarded \$500)
- 2005 New Faculty Research Grant. Utah State University. June 2005-July 2006. (awarded \$12,000)
- 2002 Bill and Rita Clements Research Fellow for the Study of Southwestern America. Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas. (awarded \$43,000)
- 2002 John Topham and Susan Redd Butler Faculty Fellowship for 2002. Charles Redd Center for Western Studies, Brigham Young University. (awarded \$2500)
- 2001 State Faculty Support Grant, reduced time. California Polytechnic State University. San Luis Obispo, CA. (awarded one course reduction)
- 2001 Faculty Development Grant. California Polytechnic State University. San Luis Obispo, CA (awarded \$3000)
- 2000 State Faculty Support Grant, reduced time. California Polytechnic State University. San Luis Obispo, CA. (awarded one course reduction)
- 2000 State Faculty Support Grant, Summer Stipend. California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, CA. (awarded \$3000)
- 1998 NEH Faculty Development Grant. College of New Rochelle, New Rochelle, NY. (awarded \$2500)
- 1998 NEH Curriculum Development Grant. 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. (awarded \$1500)

- 1996 Resident Graduate Student Fellow. Center for the Critical Analysis of Contemporary Culture. Rutgers University. New Brunswick, NJ. (awarded \$12,000 + tuition)
- 1993 Excellence Graduate Fellowship. Rutgers University History Department. (awarded \$12,000+ tuition)
- 1988 Steele-Jones Fellowship in History, New Mexico State University. (awarded \$1300)
- 1988 Kaiser Foundation Travel Grant, Walter P. Reuther Labor Archives, Wayne State University, Detroit, MI. (awarded \$750)

### **Awards and Honors**

- 2007 Researcher of the Year Award. College of Humanities Arts and Social Sciences. Utah State University.
- 2006 Gaspar Pérez de Villagr  Award. (For outstanding publication by an individual or individuals) Historical Society of New Mexico, April 2006.
- Gilberto Espinosa Prize for the best written and researched article published in 1999 in the *New Mexico Historical Review*.
- Walter Rundell Graduate Student Award, Western History Association, 1994.
- Ira C. Clark, Outstanding Graduate Student in History, New Mexico State University, Spring 1989.

### **Professional Service**

Book proposals and manuscripts, University of Oklahoma Press, University of Texas Press, University of Arizona Press, University of North Carolina Press, Winter 2003-Present.

Article Manuscripts, *American Indian Quarterly*, *Western Historical Quarterly*, *Space and Society*, *Labor: Studies in Working Class History of the Americas*.

College of Reviewers for the Canada Research Chairs Program. Spring 2007 to the present.

Board of contributing editors, *Labor: Studies in Working Class History in the Americas*, 2006-to the present.

Editorial Board, Women's Western Voices Series. University of Arizona Press. Fall 2004 to the present.

Board member, Labor and Working Class History Association. Fall 2007 to 2010.

Co-chair, Program Committee, Western History Association Annual Meeting, 2008-2009.

Council member, American Historical Association, Pacific Coast Branch, 2007-2009.

Co-chair, Program Committee, Labor and Working Class History Association, 2007 -2009.

Local arrangements committee, Western History Association annual meeting, 2008.

Promotion and tenure outside evaluator, New Mexico State University, Northern Arizona University. University of Wyoming, 2006-2008.

Program committee, Labor and Working Class History Association, 2006-2007.

Co-organizer, Indians, Labor, and Capitalist Culture: A Colloquium of Historians, Ethnohistorians, and Anthropologists September 22-23, 2006.

Advisory Board for the *St. James Encyclopedia of Labor History Worldwide* (St. James Press, 2003) Fall 2001.

Chair, Irene Ledesma Prize Committee, Coalition for Western Women's History. Summer 1999.

## **University Service**

- Chair, Globalizing the American History Curriculum Committee. Spring 2010 to the present.
- 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.
- 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.
- Arrington Essay Award Selection Committee, Utah State University. Summer 2006.
- Promotion and tenure committees, Utah State University, Fall 2005 to the present. (Lawrence Culver, History; Christy Glass, Sociology; Keri Holt, English; Nathan Straight, English – Brigham City Campus )
- Finances & Fundraising Coordinator, Allies on Campus. Utah State University. September 2005 to 2007.
- History Department Scholarship Committee Chair. Utah State University, Spring 2005.
- Advisory Committee, American Studies Program. Utah State University, Fall 2004 to the present.
- Curriculum Committee Chair, Ethnic Studies Department. CalPoly, 2000 to 2003.
- United States Cultural Pluralism Committee. CalPoly, 2000 to 2003.
- University Representative for the Morris Udall Fellowship. CalPoly, 2000 to 2003.
- Women's Studies Advisory Board. CalPoly, 2001.
- Peer reviewer for State Faculty Support Grant. CalPoly, 2000.
- Faculty Merit Increase Appeals Committee. CalPoly, 2000.
- Program Committee Chair, Ethnic Studies Department. CalPoly, Fall 1999 to Fall 2000.

## **Select Conference Papers, Invited Lectures and Public Presentations**

- “Changing “Women’s Work” in American Indian Communities: a Twentieth-Century History.” Keynote address for the annual Changing Woman Conference, Gallup, NM. April 9, 2010.
- 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. (International conference, invited)
- "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 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>, 2008

- "Jobs and Sovereignty: Tribal Employment Rights and Energy Development in the 20<sup>th</sup> 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." Indians, Labor, and Capitalist Culture: A Colloquium of Historians, Ethnohistorians, and Anthropologists September 22-23, 2006, workshop at the Newberry Library, Sept 22-23, 2006.
- "Real Women of the Mythic West," Invited lecture. Utah Festival Opera, literary series. Eccles Theatre, Logan Utah. August 4, 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
- "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.

"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.

"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.

### **Teaching American History Project Lectures:**

"Civil Rights and Cultural Nationalism in the US West," NuPaths: Teaching American History Project, American West Heritage Center, Logan, Utah. June 9, 2010.

"American Indians in the 19<sup>th</sup> Century: Contradictions and Continuities in Federal Indian Policy." Teaching American History Connections Project (Charter Schools), Park City, Utah, June 25, 2008.

"Comparative Colonial Systems." NuPaths: Teaching American History Project, American West Heritage Center, Logan, Utah, June 11, 2008.

"Columbian Exchange: Creating Colonial Landscapes." NuPaths: Teaching American History Project, American West Heritage Center, Logan, Utah, June 10, 2008.

"Pre Columbian Native Societies." NuPaths: Teaching American History Project, American West Heritage Center, Logan, Utah, June 9, 2008.

"Race, Labor, Land: Blacks & Indians in the Post-Civil War Era." Bridgerland PATHS: Teaching American History Project, American West Heritage Center, Logan, Utah, June 2, 2008.

"American Indian Cultures and Economies." Bridgerland PATHS, Teaching American History Project Seminar, American West Heritage Center, June 8, 2007.

"Women's Work in the Rural West." Bridgerland PATHS, Teaching American History Project Seminar, American West Heritage Center, June 14, 2007.

"Whose West?: Perspectives and History." Bridgerland PATHS, Teaching American History Project Seminar, American West Heritage Center, June 8, 2006.

**Courses Taught (1996-2009)**

History Courses

Intro to US History, part I  
Intro to US History II: Since 1865  
20th Century Native American History  
Colonial Latin American History  
Global Issues in Environmental History  
Evolution of Caribbean Culture  
History of the American West to 1890  
Women, Gender and the US West  
Grad. Seminar : History of the US West  
US Women's History

Interdisciplinary Courses

Global Origins of U.S. Cultures  
Native American Cultural Images  
Ethnicity and the Land  
Women in the Global Marketplace  
Freshman Seminar: American Perspectives  
Junior Reading Seminar: Women and Work  
Indigenous Peoples of the Americas  
Grad Seminar in American Indian Studies

**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, Native American and Indigenous Studies Association

**Research and Teaching fields:**

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