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EDUCATION

Ph.D., Indiana University, 1995
M.A., Western Washington University, 1990
B.A., Dordt College, 1987

GRANTS, AWARDS, AND HONORS

Collegeville Institute Fellowship	2017
National Humanities Center Fellow	2015–2016
Calvin College Summer Seminar Participant	2014
Garvan Fellowship at the Library Company of Philadelphia	2013
Gilder-Lehrman Fellowship	2012
National Endowment for the Humanities, Summer Stipend	2010
George Fox University Faculty Achievement Award for Research	2010
Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Fellow, the Huntington Library	2009
Fellow, Holland Society of New York (perpetual)	2008
Earhart Foundation Fellowship Research Grant	2008
Gilder Lehrman-CIC Summer Seminar Participant	2003
Fellow, New Netherland Institute (perpetual)	1998
Hendricks Manuscript Award	1998
Fulbright Research Fellowship (Netherlands)	1993–94
Indiana University Graduate School Dissertation Year Fellowship	1993–94
Colonial Dames Award	1991

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Honored Visiting Graduate Faculty, Teaching American History/Graduate Program in American History and Government, Ashland University, Ashland, Ohio; 2024–present
Professor Emeritus: George Fox University, Newberg, Oregon; 2024–present (Prof, 2006–2024; Assoc prof, 2002–2006)
Adjunct Instructor, Washington State University, Vancouver; fall 2006, fall 2007
Visiting Assistant Professor: Calvin College, Grand Rapids, Michigan; 1995–1996
Instructor, Indiana University Bloomington, Indiana; summer 1993 and summer 1994
Teaching Assistant Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana, 1990–1993, 1994–1995
Newsletter Editor, Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana: 1990–1991
Teaching Assistant, Western Washington University, Bellingham, Washington: 1988–1990
Records Inventory Manager, Curtis Archives, Kent, Washington: 1988

MAJOR ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

Chair, History, Sociology, and Politics Dept, George Fox University	2005–2019
Director, Liberal Arts and Critical Issues program (LACI), George Fox University	2012–2015
University Fellowship Advisor, George Fox University	2005–2008
Chair, History Department, Dordt College	2000–2002
Records Inventory Manager, Curtis Archives, Seattle, WA	1988

OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

Campus Coordinator for Role-Immersion Pedagogy, GFU	2016–2024
Organizer, Reacting to the Past Regional Conference, Portland, OR	2017
Co-Chair, Borders and Migrations International Conference, Grenoble, France	2016–2017
Chair, Political Science Search Committee, George Fox University	2014
Chair, Peer-Review Committee (5 times over 7 years), George Fox University	2010–2017
Chair, Phi Alpha Theta 2007 Regional Conference Planning Committee	2005–2007
Organizer, Willamette Valley Early Americanists Seminar	2003–2005
Advisor, Phi Alpha Theta History Honors Society, George Fox University	2002–2013
Moderator (occasional), Informal Forum, Dordt College	2001–2002
Administrator, New Netherland Discussion List	1999–2005
Chair, Staley Sub-committee, Dordt College	1998–2000

TEACHING RECORD

(All in-person unless designated as “online” or “hybrid.”)

Ashland University, Masters in American History and Government (2024–present)
European Discovery and Settlement (online and in-person), Colonial America (online)

George Fox University (Associate Professor, 2002–2006; Professor, 2006–2024; Faculty Fellow,
Honors Program, 2015–2024)

Historical surveys: America and the World, U.S. to 1865 (in-person and online), U.S. since 1865
(in-person and online), Modern and Post-Modern World, Latin American History

Other history classes: South African History, African-American History (in-person and online),
Colonial America, American Revolution, Cultural History of Science Fiction, Introduction to
Historical Studies, Senior History Seminar, independent studies

Interdisciplinary courses: First-Year Seminar, Liberal Arts and Critical Issues (senior GE
capstone), Birth of the Modern (third-year honors), Literature/Ethics (GE core course; hybrid)

Richter Scholar Advising:

- Liz Kambas, “Status Quo: How Inaction Resulted in AIDS in Hemophiliacs,” 2019.
- Jordan Keagle, “Eastern Beads, Western Applications: Wampum in the Trans-Mississippi West,” 2012; Published as “Eastern Beads, Western Applications: Wampum among the Plains Indians.” *Great Plains Quarterly* 33, no.4 (Fall 2013): 221–235.
- Margaret Diepenbrock, “From the Mind of the Damned: Predestination in *Macbeth*,” 2008.
- Stephanie Steinhorst, “Savages a World Apart: The Cultural and Political Connections between the Scotsman and the Native American Indian in British North America, 1707–1775,” 2004.

Washington State University (Adjunct Instructor, 2006 and 2007)
History Methods

Dordt College (Assistant Professor, 1996–2000; Associate Professor, 2000–2002)
Western Civilization, U.S. to 1865, U.S. since 1865, Introduction to Historical Studies, Latin
American History, Native American History, Native Americans in Film and History, Colonial
America, Media and Power, Senior History Seminar, independent studies

Calvin College (Visiting Assistant Professor)
Western Civilization, Colonial and Revolutionary America, Native Americans in Film and History,
independent studies

Indiana University (Course Assistant, summer 1991–spring 1993, spring 1995; Visiting Lecturer, summer 1993 and summer 1994)

As assistant: United States to 1865, United States since 1865, Colonial America, American Revolution

As lecturer: Native Americans in Film and History, United States to 1865

Western Washington University (Teaching Assistant)

United States to 1865, African American History

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Co-authored with Verdis Robinson. *Bacon's Rebellion, 1676–1677: Race, Class, and Frontier Conflict in Colonial Virginia*. Reacting to the Past. Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2024.

The Dutch-Munsee Encounter in America: The Struggle for Sovereignty in the Hudson Valley. New York: Berghahn Press, 2006.

- Winner of the Hendricks Manuscript Award for the best book on the early Dutch American experience

Edited volumes

Borders Permeable and Liminal: Ethnicity, Identity, and Place in the United States, co-edited with Susanne Foglar-Berthier. New York: Berghahn Books, 2020.

Migrations and Borders in the United States: Discourses, Representations, Imaginary Contexts, co-edited with Susanne Foglar-Berthier, published online as an issue of *Représentations dans le monde Anglophone* (September 2018).

Early Iroquoian-European Contacts: The Kaswentha Tradition, the Two Row Wampum Belt, and the Tawagonshi Document, co-edited with J.A. Jacobs. Special issue of *Journal of Early American History* 3, no 1 (2013).

Books in Progress

Beads of Power: Wampum and the Making of Early America.

Major Articles and Essays

“Finest parcel of wampen Ever’: Supplying Native Demand in the Eighteenth Century.” *Journal of Early American History*, accepted for publication pending minor revisions.

“This is that which . . . they call *Wampum*’: Europeans Coming to Terms with Native Shell Beads.” *Early American Studies* 15, no. 1 (Winter 2017): 1–36.

“The Dutch, Munsees, and the Purchase of Manhattan Island.” *New York State Bar Association Journal* 87, no 1 (Jan 2015): 10–17 (reprint of “Real Estate or Political Sovereignty”).

“Hudson, the Munsees, and the Wampum Revolution.” In *The Worlds of the Seventeenth-Century Hudson Valley*, ed. Jaap Jacobs and Lou Roper. Albany: SUNY Press, 2014.

“Wampum, Tawagonshi, and the Two Row Belt.” *Journal of Early American History* 3, no. 1 (August 2013): 110–125.

“Real Estate or Political Sovereignty? The Dutch, Munsees, and the Purchase of Manhattan Island.” *Opening Statements: Law, Jurisprudence, and the Legacy of Dutch New York*, ed. Albert and Julia Rosenblatt, 67–81. Albany: SUNY Press, 2013.

“*Wampum*: The Transfer and Creation of Rituals on the Early American Frontier.” In *Ritual Dynamics and the Science of Ritual*, vol 5, *Transfer and Spaces*, ed. Gita Dharampal-Frick, Robert Langer, and Niles Holger Petersen, 171–188. Wiesbaden: Harrassowitz Books, 2010.

“Intercultural Relations between Natives and Europeans in New Netherland.” In *Four Centuries of Dutch-American Relations, 1609–2009*, ed. Cornelis A. van Minnen, Hans Krabbendam, and Giles Scott-Smith, 178–191. Albany: SUNY Press, 2009.

- “Reassessing American Frontier Theory: Culture, Cultural Relativism, and the Middle Ground.” In *Frontiers and Boundaries in United States History*, ed. Cornelis A. van Minnen and Sylvia Hinton, 27–38. Amsterdam: VU University Press, 2004.
- “Common Practices and Mutual Misunderstandings: Henry Hudson, Native Americans, and the Birth of New Netherland.” *De Halve Maen* 72, no. 4 (Winter 1999): 75–83.
- “The Origins of New Netherland: Interpreting Native American Responses to Henry Hudson's Visit.” *Itinerario* (European Journal of Overseas History) 18, no. 2 (1994): 22–39.
- “History as a Humanity: Reading and Literacy in the History Classroom.” *The History Teacher* 26, no.1 (November 1992): 51–60.

Short Essays and Encyclopedia Entries

- Review Essay: *The Great New York Fire of 1776* by Benjamin Carp, *Unfriendly to Liberty* by Christopher Minty, and *Patriots, Loyalists, and Revolution in New York City, 1775–1776* by Bill Offutt. *Journal of Early American History* 14 (2024): 59–71.
- “Introduction: Historians and the Public Debate about the Past,” with Jaap Jacobs. *Journal of American History* 3, no. 1 (August 2013): 1–7.
- “Wampum.” *Encyclopedia of Native American History*, ed. Peter C. Mancall. New York: Facts on File, 2011.
- Review Essay: *A Description of New Netherland* by Adriaen Van Der Donck, edited by Charles T. Gehring and William A. Starna, and *“To Do Justice to Him & Myself”*: *Evert Wendell's Account Book of the Fur Trade with Indians in Albany, New York, 1695–1726*, edited by Kees-Jan Waterman. *Ethnohistory* 58, no. 1 (Winter 2011): 149–153.
- “Wampum String” and “*Unus Americanus ex Virginia*” (exhibition inventory descriptions). In *Dutch New York Between East and West: The World of Margrieta van Varick*, ed. Deborah L. Krohn, Peter Miller, and Marybeth de Philippis, 219–221 New Haven: Yale University Press, 2009.
- “Henry Hudson” and “Half Moon.” In *Encyclopedia of New York State*. Edited by Peter Eisenstadt. Syracuse: Syracuse University Press, 2005.
- “Did John Calvin Teach that ‘Rebellion to Tyrants is Obedience to God’?” A review of David W. Hall, *The Genevan Reformation and the American Founding. Pro Rege XXXIII*, 1 (Sept. 2004): 31–34.
- “Global History or Western Civilization: A Symposium” (preface to published symposium papers). *Pro Rege XXVIII*, 4 (June 2000): 1.
- “Peter Stuyvesant.” In *American National Biography*, vol. 21, 99–100. New York: Oxford University Press, 1999.
- “Esopus Indians,” “Esopus War,” “Fort Amsterdam,” “Kieft’s War,” “Peach War,” “Swanendael Massacre,” and “Willem Kieft.” In *Colonial Wars of North America, 1512–1763: An Encyclopedia*, ed. Alan Galloway. Military History of the United States, vol. 5. New York: Garland Publishers, 1996.

Reviews

Book reviews have appeared in the following journals: *American Historical Review*, *American Indian Quarterly*, *de Halve Maen*, *Hispanic American Historical Review*, *Historian*, *Indiana Magazine of History*, *Journal of American History*, *Southern Historian*, *Western Historical Quarterly*

CONFERENCE AND SEMINAR ACTIVITIES

I have regularly presented papers at professional history conferences including the Omohundro Institute Early American History and Culture Annual Meeting*, the Organization of American Historians Annual Meeting, the Sixteenth-Century Studies Conference, the Middelburg Conference of European Historians of the United States, the American Historical Association Annual Meeting*, the Conference on New York State History, the Popular Culture Association Annual Meeting, the Interdisciplinary Conference of Netherlandic Studies, the Institute for the History of European Expansion Seminar, Reacting to the Past Annual Faculty Institute and Annual Game Development Conference*, and special topic conferences such as Henry Hudson, New Netherland, & Atlantic History, and the Conference on Ritual Dynamics and the Science of Ritual.

*Sessions I organized.

PUBLIC LECTURES

Lecture Series: “The Uncertain Road to Independence” scheduled in six installments, Sept 2025–May 2026, Newberg Public Library, Oregon.

“Crossing Over: Liminality and the Reacting Classroom.” Portland State University, Oregon, 15 November 2017.

“Wampum Was Money, Wasn’t It?” Friendsview Retirement Community, Newberg, Oregon, 14 January 2015.

“The Tawagonshi Treaty and the Two Row Wampum Belt: What’s the Real Story?” Holland Society, Pacific Northwest Chapter, 6 October 2012.

“Beads of Power: A Short History of Wampum”

- Houghton Lecture Series, Houghton College, Houghton, NY, 22 March 2011
- Fall Faculty Lecture, George Fox University, 5 October 2010

“Real Estate Fraud or Real Cultural Differences: The Dutch, the Munsees, and Manhattan Island.” Holland Society, Pacific Northwest Chapter, 17 October 2009.

“Going Native: White Indians Take Hollywood Films Captive.”

- Alpha Chi Regional Conference keynote speaker, Cascade College, Portland, Ore, 7 March 2008.
- Covenant College, Lookout Mountain, Georgia, February 14, 2005.
- Dordt College, Sioux Center, Iowa, 21 November 1997.

“*Wilden* and *Calvinisten*: Dutch Missions to Native Americans in Colonial New York.” Hope College History Department Colloquium, October 8, 1999.

“Common Practices and Mutual Misunderstandings: Henry Hudson, Native Americans, and the Birth of New Netherland.” Rensselaerswijck Seminar, Albany, New York, 18 September 1999.

SEMINAR AND WORKSHOP LEADERSHIP

Teaching American History One-Day Seminars

- Westward Expansion, Alpine, UT, November 2025
- Westward Expansion: An Upper Plains Perspective, Urbandale, IA, April 2025

George Fox University Faculty Development

- Introduction to Role-Immersion, Bacon’s Rebellion, February 2020
- Introduction to Role-Immersion, First Contacts in the Cape Colony, August 2019

Reacting to the Past (role-immersion) workshops

- First Contacts in the Cape Colony, CA/NW/HI World History Association Conference, Berkeley, CA, February 2019

ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Inclusion and Diversity Committee member, Reacting Consortium	2022–present
Co-editor, <i>Journal of Early American History</i>	2016–2018
Archives Committee, George Fox University	2016–2020
Scholarly Advisory Board, <i>Historic Huguenot Street</i>	2014–2019
Library Committee, George Fox University	2014–2015
Faculty Council, George Fox University	2014–2015
Fulbright Faculty Representative, George Fox University	2014–2015
Financial Development Committee, Providence Christian College	2012–2015
Guest Editor, <i>Journal of Early American History</i>	2012–2013
Presidential Search Committee, Providence Christian College	2012–2013
International Programs Review Committee, ad hoc	2011
University Assessment Committee, George Fox University	2009–2014
Editorial Board, <i>Journal of Early American History</i>	2008–2015

Exhibition Scholarly Advisory Committee, Amsterdam/New Amsterdam: The Worlds of Henry Hudson, Museum of the City of New York	2008–2009
Presidential Search Committee, Providence Christian College	2008–2009
Undergraduate Scholarships Committee, George Fox University	2007–2019
Advisor Mentor, PNW Region, Phi Alpha Theta	2007–2008
Presidential Inauguration Task Force, George Fox University	2007–2008
Personnel Committee, George Fox University	2006–2009
Board of Trustees, Providence Christian College	2006–2016
Academic Affairs Committee, Providence Christian College	2006–2008
Off-Campus Studies Committee (ad hoc), George Fox University	2006–2008
Gender Task Force, George Fox University	2006–2007
Program Committee, Conference on Faith and History 2006 Meeting	2004–2006
Intercultural Concerns Committee, George Fox University	2003–2006
Curriculum and Academic Policies Committee, Dordt College	2000–2002
Co-Curricular Committee, Dordt College	1997–2000
Representative, Bloomington Faculty Council, Indiana University	1992–1993
Representative, Graduate Student Organization, Indiana University	1991–1992