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EMPLOYMENT

- 2007- Assistant Professor, History of Modern Britain, Case Western Reserve University
- 2006-2007 Visiting Assistant Professor, European Environmental History, Amherst College
Amherst, MA
- 2005-2006 Adjunct Professor of History, Metropolitan State University, Saint Paul, MN

EDUCATION

- 2000-2005 Stanford University, Stanford, California
Doctoral program in British History, Ph.D. 2005
Emphases: Environmental History of Modern Britain and its Empire, Early Modern England, World Environmental History
- 1998-2000 University Of Maine, Orono, Maine
M.A. in History, Concentration: Medieval Environmental History
Thesis: "Hamwic, Dorestad, and Wolin: An Early Medieval Environmental Crisis"
- 1997 Saint Olaf College, Northfield, MN
B.A. in English, History, and Medieval Studies
- 1996 Harris-Manchester College, Oxford University
Junior Year Abroad; Literature and Medieval History

BOOK IN PROGRESS

The Government of Water: Engineering waterworks and societies in modern Britain and its empire, 1835-present
This book analyzes the creation of municipal water supplies across Great Britain and its empire in the nineteenth century. In the cities of Britain, in the colonies, and in London in particular, water systems were not just a natural response to health crises; rather, they were deliberate tools to achieve broad political and social ends. In cities across Britain, officials and reformers used water to undertake a kind of colonial program to moralize and civilize the working class. In the colonies, officials exported the same techniques and the same principles of morality and modernity. In London at the end of the century, the city's newly-created

government tried to use water supply to transform the capital altogether; they hoped to take over the private water supply and build monumental new works as a step toward turning London into a commune. Across these cities the goals changed, but the tool remained the same. Whether in the hands of a Liberal regime in the cities of Britain, a colonial regime in the cities of the empire, or the illiberal regime of socialist London, those attempting to shape modern society saw water as the key.

PUBLICATIONS AND WORKS IN PROGRESS

JOURNAL ARTICLES

“Engineering the Empire: British Water Supply Systems and Colonial Societies, 1850-1900” *Journal of British Studies* 46 (April 2007): 346-65.

“London's and Surrey's 'Fight for the River': Politics, Perceptions and the Thames, 1897,” *Surrey History* 6 (October 2000): 75-90. (This item reviewed by an editorial board, not peer reviewed.)

“The Wasting of Wolin: Environmental Factors in the Downfall of a Medieval Town,” *Environment and History* 7 (May 2001): 187-199.

JOURNAL ARTICLES IN PROGRESS

“‘Communism in Water’: The Fabian Society’s Plan for Realizing an Ideal City in London through Water Supply,” article under revision.

“Socialist versus Conservative Waterworks: Rival Public Health Technologies and Visions for Modern London,” article in progress.

BOOK CHAPTER

“Chronological Overview: The Cities of India During the Period of British Crown Rule, 1858-1947,” in Jan Rogozinski, ed. *The City and Urban Life* (Armonk, N.Y.: M.E. Sharpe, TBD). In press.

BOOK REVIEWS

Thomas Lekan and Thomas Zeller, editors, *Germany's Nature: Cultural Landscapes and Environmental History* for *Environmental History* 12 (January 2007): 173-4.

Jonathan Schneer, *The Thames*, for *Environment and History* 12 (August 2006): 351-2.

David Philip Miller, *Discovering Water: James Watt, Henry Cavendish and the Nineteenth-Century Water Controversy* for *Victorian Studies* 48 (Fall 2006): 574-6.

REFERENCE WORK ENTRIES

“Miasmas,” *Encyclopedia for American Environmental History*. Edited by Kathleen Brosnan. New York: Facts on File, forthcoming.

“Simpson, James (1799-1869),” *Oxford Dictionary of National Biography*. Supplementary volume. Oxford: Oxford University Press, forthcoming. In progress.

HONORS, AWARDS, AND GRANTS

- 2000-2005 Stanford University History Department Full Fellowship and Stipend
- 2004 Graduate Research Travel Grant for dissertation research, Stanford History Department
- 2003 Graduate Research Opportunity Grant for dissertation research, Stanford School of Humanities and Sciences
- 2001 Hoefer Prize for Excellence in Teaching Undergraduate Writing
- 2000 Phi Alpha Theta History Graduate Student Honors Society, University of Maine

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

- 2006 American Historical Association, Philadelphia, PA
“An Empire of Water: Recreating a British Technological Landscape in South and East Asia, 1870-1900” (panel organizer)
- 2005 North American Conference on British Studies, Denver, CO
“Water in the Making of the Modern British City and the Exceptional Case of London”
- 2005 American Society for Environmental History Meeting, Houston, TX
“Making the Modern River: Planning the Transformation of the Thames at the Turn of the Twentieth Century”
- 2000 International Congress on Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, MI
“An Early Medieval Environmental Crisis: The Extinction of Dorestad, Hamwic, and Wolin”
- 1999 Society for Human Ecology Conference, Montreal, P.Q.
“Water Pressure: Surrey's and London's Struggle for the Thames, 1897”

SELECTED ACADEMIC AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

- 2007- College of Arts and Sciences Library Advisory Subcommittee
- 2007- History Department Liaison to Kelvin Smith Library
- 2007- Undergraduate Studies Committee, Department of History, Case Western Reserve University