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Education

- PhD University of Kansas, 2003. Adviser: Donald Worster.
Major field: Environmental History
- MA (History), La Trobe University, Melbourne, 1997
- BA (Honors First Class), Monash University, Melbourne, 1991

Career

- Since 2013: Associate Professor of History and Environmental Studies,
University of Vermont
- Sept. 2012-Aug. 2013: Carson Fellow, Rachel Carson Center for Environment
and Society, Ludwig-Maximilians University, Munich, Germany.
- 2008-2012: Assistant Professor, Environmental Studies and History,
University of Vermont.
- 2004-2007: Lecturer level B (equivalent to Assistant Professor), Global
History, University of Queensland, Brisbane, Australia.
- 2003 –2004: Post-Doctoral Research Fellow in Transatlantic Environmental
History, German Historical Institute, Washington DC.

Publications

Books

- *“Make it a Green Peace”: The Rise of Countercultural Environmentalism.* New York: Oxford University Press, 2013.
- *Greenpeace: Von der Hippiebewegung zum Ökokonzern* (Göttingen: Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht, 2014). German translation with additional material and extra chapter on Germany.

Peer Reviewed Articles

- “Cultivating an Ecological Sensibility: Environmental Activism and Global Civic Politics in the 1970s and 1980s.” *Historical Social Research* (forthcoming, Dec. 2016).
- “Seeing Like a God: The Anthropocentric Turn in Environmental Thought,” in Ted Steinberg and Mark Hersey (Eds.), *A Field on Fire: Essays on the Future of Environmental History Inspired by Donald Worster.* Tuscaloosa: University of Alabama Press, 2016 (in press).
- “The Nuclear Pacific, Ecosystem Ecology, and the Origins of Environmentalism” in Edward Melillo (Ed.), *The Environmental History of the Pacific World.* Honolulu: University of Hawaii Press, 2016 (in press).
- “Storming the Mind: The Revolutionary Ecology of Bob Hunter,” in Stephen Bocking and Ryan O’Connor (Eds.), *Environmentalism in Canada: A History.* Calgary: University of Calgary Press (forthcoming 2016).
- “From Social Movement to Environmental Behemoth: How Greenpeace Got Big” in Liza Piper and Jonathan Clapperton (Eds.), *Environmentalism on the Ground: Processes and Possibilities of Small Green Organizing.* Edmonton: Athabasca University Press, 2016 (in press).

- “Natural Wonders: Ecological Enchantment in a Secular Age” in Catrin Gersdorf and Juliane Brown (Eds.), *America After Nature: Democracy, Culture, Environment*. Heidelberg: Winter Verlag, 2016.
- “The *Umweltmulti* Arrives: Greenpeace and Grassroots Environmentalism in West Germany,” *Australian Journal of Politics and History*. Vol. 61(3), Sept. 2015: 397-413.
- “The Politics of Nature,” in Andrew Isenberg (Ed.), *The Oxford Handbook of Environmental History*. New York: Oxford University Press, 2014.
- “Blood on the Ice: The Greenpeace Campaign Against the Harp Seal Slaughter,” in Lise Sedrez and Marco Armiero (Eds.), *The History of Environmentalism: Local Stories, Global Struggles*. London: Bloomsbury, 2014.
- “‘A Flower is Your Brother!’ Holism, Nature and the (Non-Ironic) Enchantment of Modernity.” *Intellectual History Review*. Vol. 23(4), 2013: 517-536.
- With Joe Roman, “Can we save the Bluefin Tuna? *Solutions*, Vol. 4(5), Oct. 2013: <http://www.thesolutionsjournal.com/node/24012>
- “Fish Instead of Fission: Industrial Expansion and Environmental Protest in Hamburg and the Lower Elbe Region Since the 1960s,” *Economic and Ecohistory*. November 2012: 33-51.
- “From Blubber and Baleen to Buddha of the Deep: The Rise of the Metaphysical Whale.” *Society and Animals*. 20(2012): 91-108.
- “A Whale of a Solution,” *Solutions*, Vol. 1 (2), May 2010: <http://www.thesolutionsjournal.com/node/622>
- “Greenpeace and the Development of International Environmental Activism in the 1970s,” in Ursula Lehmkuhl & Hermann Wellenreuther (Eds.), *Historians and Nature: Comparative Approaches to Environmental History*. Oxford: Berg, 2007: 296-318.

- “From Moby Dick to Environmental Cause Célèbre: How We Learned to Love the Whales,” *University of Queensland Historical Proceedings*, Vol. 16, 2006: 33-47.
- “Making Greenpeace: The Development of Direct Action Environmentalism in British Columbia,” *BC Studies*, Special Double Issue “On the Environment,” 142/143 (Summer/Autumn 2004): 197-239
- “Challenging Modernity: The Origins of Post-War Environmental Protest in the United States,” in Christof Mauch, Nathan Stoltzfus, & Douglas Weiner (Eds.) *Shades of Green: Activism to Protect the Environment Around the Globe*. Lanham, Maryland: Rowman & Littlefield, 2006: 13-40.

Op-Eds and Blogs

- “Why Americans No Longer Hunt Whales – And the Japanese Still Do.” *History News Network*, 10/05/2014:
<http://historynewsnetwork.org/article/157012>
- “Für eine giftfreie Fußball-WM.” Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht blog, June 6, 2014: http://www.v-r.de/de/fuer_eine_giftfreie_fussball_wm/n-0/384
- “If the Arctic 30 are freed, Greenpeace will be made to pay.” Op-ed article in the *Guardian*, Nov. 18, 2013.
<http://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2013/nov/18/arctic-30-jailed-greenpeace-russia>
- “The Whale that Inspired Greenpeace,” *Oxford University Press Blog*, Sept. 22, 2013. http://blog.oup.com/2013/09/greenpeace-origin-killer-whale-skana/?utm_source=twitter&utm_medium=oupacademic&utm_campaign=oupblog
- “Hang up the harpoons, Japan.” Op-ed article in the *Los Angeles Times*, 07/23/2013. <http://www.latimes.com/news/opinion/commentary/la-oe-zelko-japan-whaling-20130723,0,4733565.story>
- “Japan would be a winner if it called a halt to whaling.” Op-ed article in the

- Sydney Morning Herald*, July 1, 2013.
<http://www.smh.com.au/comment/japan-would-be-a-winner-if-it-called-a-halt-to-whaling-20130630-2p58w.html>
- “On Earth Day, Remembering Countercultural Environmentalists.” *Oxford University Press Blog*, April 22, 2013. <http://blog.oup.com/2013/04/earth-day-environmentalism-counterculture-greenpeace/>
 - “Warriors of the Rainbow: The Birth of an Environmental Mythology,” *Environment and Society Portal*.
<http://www.environmentandsociety.org/arcadia/warriors-rainbow-birth-environmental-mythology>

Book Reviews

- Thomas Jundt, *Greening the Red, White and Blue: The Bomb, Big Business, and Consumer Resistance in Postwar America*. New York: Oxford University Press, 2014. Reviewed for the *Pacific Historical Review*. Vol. 85 No. 1, February 2016: pp. 169-171.
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- Patrick Allitt, *A Climate of Crisis: America in the Age of Environmentalism*. New York: The Penguin Press, 2014. Reviewed for *Environmental History*, 2015, 20 (1): 160-163.
- Kurkpatrick Dorsey, *Whales and Nations: Environmental Diplomacy on the High Seas*. Seattle: University of Washington Press, 2013. Reviewed for *Environmental Politics*, 23 (6), 2014.
- William Markham, *Environmental Organizations in Modern Germany: Hardy Survivors in the Twentieth Century and Beyond*. New York: Berghahn, 2008. Reviewed for *History: Reviews of New Books*, Spring 2009.
- Forum Review: “New Directions in Diplomatic and Environmental History,” *H-Diplo* 32:4 (September 2008). <http://h-diplo.org/reviews/PDF/Dorsey-Lytle-Forum.pdf>

Other Publications

- Entry on Greenpeace, *Dictionary of American History, Supplement: America in the World, 1776 to the Present*. Farmington Hills, MI: Cengage Learning, 2015.
- Editor (with Robert Emmett), *Minding the Gap: Working Across the Disciplines in Environmental Studies*. Part of the *Perspectives* series published by the Rachel Carson Center for Environment and Society, Munich. 2014.
- “A Mind Divided Against Itself: Thinking Holistically with a Split Brain” in Edmund Russell (Ed.), *Environment, Culture, and the Brain: New Explorations in Neurohistory*. Rachel Carson Center Perspectives 6, Munich 2012.
- “Environmental history is not going to save the world, but some of our scholarship can offer solutions.” In Kimberley Coulter and Christof Mauch (Eds.), *The Future of Environmental History: Needs and Opportunities*. Rachel Carson Center Perspectives 3, Munich 2011. Volume also appears in Portuguese translation.
- *Oxford Encyclopedia of the Modern World: 1750 to the Present*, edited by Peter Stearns. Oxford University Press, 2008. Entries on “Greenpeace” and “Green Parties.”
- Editor, *Supplement of the Bulletin of the German Historical Institute*, “From Heimat to Umwelt: New Perspectives on German Environmental History,” 3, 2006.
- “The Tasmanian Crucible: Bob Brown and the Australian Greens” in Frank Zelko & Carolin Brinkmann (Eds.), *Green Parties: Reflections on the First Three Decades*. Washington DC: Heinrich Böll Foundation, 2006.

Teaching and Advising

University of Vermont, 2008-2015

- **Global Environmental History.** Broad introductory survey from the Paleolithic to the present.
- **Environmental History of the Twentieth Century World.** Focuses on the massive ecological changes wrought by industrialization, consumer capitalism and the military, as well as the rise of environmentalism as a political force.
- **Environmental History of the Americas.** Broad introductory survey from the peopling of North and South America to the present day.
- **Shades of Green.** A history of conservation and environmentalism since the late 19th century.
- **Animal Nature.** Interdisciplinary seminar on humans and animals in American history
- **Intermediate Environmental Studies.** A core course in the Environmental Studies major. Explores environmental internship and career options.
- **Honors and Graduate Advising.** Supervised three doctoral students through the School of Natural Resources, five MA theses in history, and numerous honors students in history and environmental studies.

University of Queensland, 2004-2007

- **Global Environmental History.** From the Paleolithic era to the present.
- **The Great Powers.** Global diplomatic history since 1800.
- **History of the Future.** A history of globalization.
- **Environmental History of Australia and New Zealand.** From the arrival of Aboriginals and Maori until the present.
- **Globalization and American Popular Culture.** Examining the spread of U.S. popular culture around the world in the twentieth century.
- **Honors and Graduate Advising:** Primary supervisor for five doctoral students. Committee member for seven doctoral students. Numerous masters and honors students.

Funding and Fellowships

- 2016: Cain Senior Fellowship, Chemical Heritage Foundation and University of Pennsylvania Department of History and Sociology of Science. One semester residential fellowship (for spring 2017). \$30,000
- 2016: University of Vermont, Faculty Research Support Award: \$4,750
- 2015: Coor Collaborative Fellowship, Humanities Center, University of Vermont. Project Title: "UVM and the Environmental Humanities." \$7,500.
- 2013: Lattie Coor Faculty Development Award (University of Vermont). \$1,500
- 2012: Rachel Carson Center for Environment and Society, University of Munich. Nine-month research and writing fellowship: \$65,000
- 2012: Lattie F. Coor Faculty Development Award (University of Vermont). \$2,000
- 2012: RANSS International Travel Award (University of Vermont). \$500
- 2008: Gerda Henkel Foundation (Düsseldorf) Six-Month Research Fellowship. 25,000 Euro
- 2006: Summer Fellowship, Max Planck Institute for History, Göttingen. 2,000 Euro
- 2005: University of Queensland, New Staff Research Grant. \$8,000
- August 2003 – July 2004: Post-Doctoral Research Fellow in Trans-Atlantic Environmental History, German Historical Institute, Washington DC. \$65,000
- 1999: Aspen Institute (Washington DC) Nonprofit Sector Dissertation Award: \$35,000

- 1998: German Academic Exchange Service six-month research award
- 1996: Harry S. Truman Good Neighbor Award
- 1996: Fulbright Scholarship (to attend graduate school in the US)
- 1994: La Trobe University Research Travel Grant
- 1993: Australian Post-Graduate Research Award

Recent University Service

- Since 2013: College Honors Committee three-year Interdisciplinary Studies term
- Since 2013: History Department Undergraduate Committee
- 2009-2011: Honors College Scholarship Committee
- 2008-2011: Convener of the History Department's faculty research seminars
- 2008-2009: Search Committee: Latin American Historian
- 2008: Search Committee: Environmental Studies Program Director
- 2007: Search Committee: Global Historian

Professional Activities

- "From Disciplinarity to Transdisciplinarity in the Environmental Humanities." Kochel am See, Bavaria, July 21-22, 2013. Conference Co-Organizer.
- Member of the Program Committee, 2012 American Society for Environmental History meeting, Madison, Wisconsin.

- Since 2009: History Editor for *Solutions*, a crossover magazine that attempts to offer solutions to various environmental problems:
<http://www.thesolutionsjournal.com/>
- Peer reviewed articles for the following journals: *Environmental History*, *Environment and History*, *Journal of Contemporary History*, *German History*, *Peace and Change*, *Science, Technology, and Human Values*, *Forestry: An International Journal of Forest Research*, *Antipode*.
- Peer reviewed book manuscripts for Cambridge University Press, Oxford University Press, MIT Press, University of North Carolina Press, Routledge, Cornell University Press, University of Calgary Press, Berghahn, and Springer Press.
- "Environmental History and the Oceans," Copenhagen, June 2-5, 2004. Conference organizer.
- German Historical Institute Young Scholars Forum: "Environment, Culture, Politics: Transatlantic Perspectives," Washington DC, May 28-30, 2004. Organizer.
- "The Origins of Green Parties in Global Perspective," Washington DC, May 26, 2004. Organizer.

Invited Lectures

- "Holism, Ecology, and the (Non-Ironic) Enchantment of Modernity." Keynote lecture presented at the German Association for American Studies meeting in Würzburg in June 2014.
- "Armless Buddhas vs. Carnivorous Nazis: How Greenpeace Framed the Whaling Debate." University of New Hampshire, Dunfey Endowment lecture, March 25, 2014.
- "Greenpeace's Globalism." Presented at the *Globality* conference, Bonn, April 25, 2013.

- “Is Bigger Always Better? Teaching Environmental History in the Anthropocene.” Keynote lecture presented at the *Time in Environment* conference, Tallinn, Estonia, March 26, 2013.
- “How Diseases Can Change History.” Invited lecture, Zagreb University, Oct. 22, 2012.
- “A Flower is Your Brother.” Presented at *Nature’s Historians: A Conference in Honor of Donald Worster*. University of Kansas, September 22, 2012.
- “Fish Instead of Fission: Direct Action Environmentalism in Hamburg in the 1970s.” *Environmental History of the Mura-Drava River System* conference, Koprivnica, Croatia, June 2012. Invited lecture.
- “Sashimi Blues: Can We Save the North Atlantic Bluefin Tuna?” German Academic Exchange Service conference: *Earth: Living on it, living from it*. New York City, Oct. 28-29, 2010. Invited lecture.
- “Is environmental history our best hope for the future?” Presented at the International Environmental History Workshop, Washington DC, June 2010. Organized by the Rachel Carson Center for Environment and Society and the National History Center (Washington, DC). Invited speaker.

Languages

- German (speaking and reading fluency, writing proficiency)
- Croatian (speaking fluency, reading proficiency)
- Slovenian (speaking fluency, reading proficiency)

Referees

- Donald Worster
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- Christof Mauch
Director of the Rachel Carson Center for Environment and Society and
Professor of American Culture and Transatlantic Relations, Ludwig-
Maximilians University, Munich, Germany.
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