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DEGREES: Ph.D. History, University of Massachusetts at Amherst, 1990

M.A. History, University of Massachusetts at Amherst, 1984 B.A. History, Southeastern Massachusetts University, 1982

PROFESSIONAL RECORD

Fall, 1997: Tenured, Ball State University

Fall, 1996: Promoted to Associate Professor, Ball State University Fall, 1990: Appointed as Assistant Professor, Ball State University

1988-90: Instructor in History, Allegheny College

1985-86: Instructor in History, University of Massachusetts at Amherst

AWARDS and GRANTS

Honorable Mention, Distinguished New Course Award: "A History of Animals in the Atlantic World," Humane Society of the United States and Animals and Society Institute, 2011

Diversity Associate, BSU Diversity Policy Institute, 2007-2008

BSU Center for Peace & Conflict Studies Social Activist Award, with Carol Blakney, March 9, 2004.

BSU Center for Energy Research/Education/Service (CERES) Fellow, 2001-2002.

Lilly Library's Helm Visiting Fellowship, Bloomington, Indiana, 2001.

BSU Lawhead Teaching Award in General Education, 2000.

Ball State University Special Assigned Leave with Pay, Spring 2000.

University College Faculty Fellow, Spring 1999.

Member of a three-person committee asked to evaluate the theory and application of interdisciplinary studies for curriculum development at Ball State University.

BSU Office of Multicultural Affairs Hurley Goodall Distinguished Faculty Award, 1997.

Finalist, BSU Excellence in Teaching Award, 1994, 1995, 2005 & 2009.

National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Institute (Nahuatl language study as a Visiting Scholar at the University of Texas at Austin and Universidad de las Américas in Cholula), 1992.

BSU New Faculty Grant, 1991.

Allegheny College Faculty Development Grant, 1989.

Miriam Chrisman Award of the Society for Reformation Research, 1989.

Robert and Jeanne Potash Travel Grant, 1989.

University of Massachusetts Graduate Student Fellowship, 1985-1986.

PUBLICATIONS

UNDER CONSIDERATION: "Individuality and the Understanding of Animals in the Early Modern Spanish Empire," *Animals and Early Modern Identity*, ed. Pia Cuneo (Ashgate).

"The Spanish Empire: Adaptive Animals in the Natural World," *Big History*, Metanexus Institute, http://www.metanexus.net/essay/spanish-empire-adaptive-animals-natural-world (July 3, 2012).

The Animals of Spain: An Introduction to Imperial Perceptions and Human Interaction with Other Animals, 1492-1826. Leiden and Boston: Brill, 2011.

"Humanity's Place in Nature, 1863-1928: Horror, Curiosity and the Expeditions of Huxley, Wallace, Blavatsky and Lovecraft," *Theology and Science* 6: 1 (February 2008): 73-88.

Carol Blakney and Abel Alves, "Baroque Consilience: Sor Juana Inés de la Cruz, Theology, Natural Philosophy, and Feminism," *Big History*, Metanexus Institute, http://www.metanexus.net/essay/baroque-consilience-sor-juana-ines-de-la-cruz (June 22, 2007).

"Mead: A Study in Human Culture's Interaction with the Natural Environment and Other Animals," *ISLE: Interdisciplinary Studies in Literature and Environment* 13: 2 (Summer 2006): 151-166.

"Can We Be Awe-Inspired without Thinking Hierarchically?" *Big History*, Metanexus Institute, http://www.metanexus.net/essay/can-we-be-awe-inspired-without-thinking-hierarchically (February 25, 2004).

"The Alpha Factor and Religion: The Display of Power and Altruism in the Sixteenth-Century Conquest of Mexico," *Big History*, Metanexus Institute, http://www.metanexus.net/essay/alpha-factor-and-religion (December 17, 2003).

"The Alpha Factor and the Conquest of Mexico: a Study in Ethological History," (with contributions by Carol Blakney), *International Journal of Anthropology* 17:2 (2002): 59-75.

"Madame Roland (1754-1793)," in *Women in World History: A Biographical Encyclopedia*, eds. Anne Commire and Deborah Klezmer, 17 vols. (Detroit: Gale Group, 2001), 13:429-435.

"Catherine de Medici (1519-1589)," in *Women in World History: A Biographical Encyclopedia*, eds. Anne Commire and Deborah Klezmer, 17 vols. (Detroit: Gale Group, 2001), 10:829-836.

"Goodall, Jane (1934-)," in *Women in World History: A Biographical Encyclopedia*, eds. Anne Commire and Deborah Klezmer, 17 vols. (Detroit: Gale Group, 2000), 6:366-373.

"Glückel of Hameln (1646-1724)," in *Women in World History: A Biographical Encyclopedia*, eds. Anne Commire and Deborah Klezmer, 17 vols. (Detroit: Gale Group, 2000), 6:301-305.

Brutality and Benevolence: Human Ethology, Culture, and the Birth of Mexico. Westport, Connecticut and London: Greenwood Press, 1996.

- Available on the internet at www.questia.com (Houston: Questia Media, 2001).
- Reviewed in *The American Historical Review* 103:4 (October 1998); *The Hispanic American Historical Review* 78:1 (February 1998); and *The William and Mary Quarterly* 55:1 (January 1998).
- "Recommended for Further Study" in both the sixth and seventh editions of Michael C. Meyer, et al. *The Course of Mexican History*, Oxford University Press. See p. 108 in the sixth edition and p. 107 in the seventh edition.
- Recommended for Further Reading at http://www.cambridge.org/gb/knowledge/isbn/item1113995/?site_locale=en_GB&display=genresources&anchor=true#prim_tabs, the companion website to Merry E. Wiesner-Hanks, *Early Modern*

Europe, 1450-1789 (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2006), Chapter Seven: Europe in the World, 1450-1660.

"Of Peanuts and Bread: Images of the Raw and the Refined in the Sixteenth-Century Conquest of New Spain," in *Coded Encounters: Writing, Gender and Ethnicity in Colonial Latin America*, eds. F. Javier Cevallos-Candau, Jeffrey A. Cole, Nina M. Scott and Nicomedes Suárez-Araúz (Amherst: University of Massachusetts Press, 1994), 62-72.

"Hernán Cortés," in *Historic World Leaders*, 5 vols., eds. Anne Commire and Deborah Klezmer (Detroit and London: Gale Research, 1994), 2:298-303.

"Cardinal Richelieu," in *Historic World Leaders*, 5 vols., eds. Anne Commire and Deborah Klezmer (Detroit and London: Gale Research, 1994), 3:1150-1154.

"Estévan," in *Historic World Leaders*, 5 vols., eds. Anne Commire and Deborah Klezmer (Detroit and London: Gale Research, 1994), 4:256-261.

"Juana Inés de la Cruz," in *Historic World Leaders*, 5 vols., eds. Anne Commire and Deborah Klezmer (Detroit and London: Gale Research, 1994), 4:409-413.

"History and Historians' at Ball State University," *Organization of American Historians Council of Chairs Newsletter* 41 (October 1994): 14-16.

"Complicated Cosmos: Astrology and Anti-Machiavellianism in Saavedra's *Empresas políticas*," *The Sixteenth Century Journal* 25:1 (Spring 1994): 67-84.

"Nature and Bodies, Land and Labor: Mexico's Colonial Legacy," *Latin American Issues* Number 10 (1991): 1-63.

 Also available online at http://sites.allegheny.edu/latinamericanstudies/latin-american-issues/table-of-contents/.

"History, Mexico, the United States and Humanity in the Writings of Octavio Paz," *CLIO: A Journal of Literature, History, Philosophy of History* 20:1 (Fall 1990): 53-63.

• Reprinted in *Twentieth Century Literary Criticism*, Volume 211, ed. Thomas J. Schoenberg and Lawrence J. Trudeau (Detroit: Gale, 2009): 304-309.

"The Christian Social Organism and Social Welfare: The Case of Vives, Calvin and Loyola," *The Sixteenth Century Journal* 20:1 (Spring 1989): 3-21.

"Europe: 1789-1848," in *History of the World*, 3 vols., eds. John Whitney Hall and John Grayson Kirk (New York: Gallery Books, 1988), 2: 68-83.

PAPERS

"There's a Lady Who's Sure': The Veneration of Nature in Marian Shrines in Catalonia" The Sixteenth Century Studies Conference (Cincinnati: October 27, 2012).

"The Animals of the Spanish Empire: Humans and Other Animals in Big History"

"Teaching and Researching Big History: Exploring a New Scholarly Field"

International Big History Association Inaugural Conference Event

(Grand Rapids, MI: August 4, 2012).

"Stewardship and Dominion: Animal Associations and Amelioration of Hierarchy in the Spanish Empire" Modern Language Association Annual Convention (Seattle: January 6, 2012).

"Spain's Sensibility: Humans and Other Animals in the Eighteenth-Century Atlantic World" Association for the Study of Literature and Environment Biennial Conference (Bloomington, IN: June 25, 2011).

"The Animals of the Early Modern Spanish Empire: Cherished and Used"
Animals: Past Present, and Future Conference, Michigan State University
(East Lansing: April 16, 2009).

"Animals in the Spanish Empire: A Tale of Dominance Displays and Peacemaking" The Sixteenth Century Studies Conference (St. Louis: October 25, 2008).

"Mead: Human Interaction with the Natural Environment and Other Animals."

Association for the Study of Literature and Environment Biennial Conference (Eugene, Oregon: June 22, 2005).

"The Alpha Factor and Religion:

On the Display of Power and Altruism in the Sixteenth-Century Conquest of Mexico." Awe-Inspiring Experiences, UCLA Center for Governance (Los Angeles: October 16, 2003).

"Can We Be Awe-Inspired without Thinking Hierarchically?

The Problem of Early Modern European Pantheists and Panentheists."

Awe-Inspiring Experiences and the Saintly Life, UCLA Center for Governance (Los Angeles: October 3, 2002).

"A Sense of Place: Anne Conway, Verbal Leks, and Home Ranges."

Biopolitics II, UCLA Center for Governance (Los Angeles: March 30, 2001).

"The Alpha Factor and the Conquest of Mexico: A Study in Ethological History,"

Dual Congress of the International Association for the Study of Human Palaeontology and the International Association of Human Biologists (Sun City, South Africa: June 30, 1998).

"Serpentine Counsels and Vigilant Lions:

The Use of Animal Metaphor in Diego de Saavedra Fajardo's Prescription for Courtly Culture," Fifth Annual Meeting of the Group for Early Modern Cultural Studies (Chapel Hill: December 5, 1997).

"The Alpha Factor and the Conquest of Mexico."

By Invitation, Charles Cutter's Seminar in Latin American History, Purdue University (West Lafayette: October 25, 1995).

"Confronting the *Curandero*:

Learned Culture and the Problem of Uniform Belief in the Writings of the Brothers Ruiz de Alarcón." By Invitation of the University of Maryland Spanish and Portuguese Department (College Park: February 1, 1995).

"Confronting the *Curandero*:

Learned Culture and the Problem of Uniform Belief in the Writings of the Brothers Ruiz de Alarcón." The Sixteenth Century Studies Conference (Toronto: October 28, 1994).

"Complicated Cosmos: The Art of Reading Men and Nations in Saavedra's Empresas políticas,"

The Sixteenth Century Studies Conference

(Atlanta: October 23, 1992).

"Custom and Its Legislation: From Cortés to Suárez."

By Invitation of the Yale University History Department

(New Haven: March 5, 1992).

"Healing the Body: Hospitals and Health-Care in Spain and New Spain,"

The Sixteenth Century Studies Conference

(St. Louis: October 27, 1990).

"Of Peanuts and Bread:

Images of the Raw and the Refined in the Sixteenth-Century Conquest of New Spain,"

Reflections of Social Reality: Writings in Colonial Latin America

Five College Symposium honoring Lewis U. Hanke

(Amherst, MA: April 19, 1990).

"Custom and Its Legislation: From Cortés to Suárez."

The Sixteenth Century Studies Conference

(Minneapolis: October 27, 1989).

"Antwerp: Economic Dualism in History,"

The Sixteenth Century Studies Conference (Columbus, Ohio: October 25, 1985).

SCIENCE AND TRANSCENDENCE ADVANCED RESEARCH SERIES (STARS)

"Evolution, ET, and the Significance of Life in the Universe."

(Iberostar Paraíso Maya, Playa del Carmen, Mexico: January 11-15, 2007).

Invited to participate in a conference to develop interdisciplinary research teams, sponsored by the Center for Theology and the Natural Sciences (http://www.ctnsstars.org) and the John Templeton Foundation. Participants included researchers from SETI and NASA, as well as scientists, social scientists and theologians from universities around the world.

POSTER SESSIONS

Carol Blakney and Abel Alves, "The Biohistory of Grain."

American Society for Environmental History and Forest History Society Joint Meeting (St. Paul, MN: March 29- April 1, 2006).

ROUNDTABLES AND PANELS

Commentator: "Development in South Asia," Small Cities Conference (Muncie, IN: April 14, 2007).

Invited Discussant: "The Rules of the Game of Politics in the Middle Ages," UCLA Center for Governance and UCLA Center for Medieval and Renaissance Studies (Los Angeles: March 1-2, 2001).

Chair: "Spanish Literature of the Sixteenth Century," The Sixteenth Century Studies Conference (St. Louis: December 1, 1993).

Commentator: History Section, The Indiana Academy of the Social Sciences (Terre Haute: October 16, 1992).

- Commentator: "America as a Land of Opportunity: Missionary Perspectives," American Historical Association (Chicago: December 30, 1991).
- Chair and Commentator: "Europeans Abroad: Merchants in Worlds Old and New," The Sixteenth Century Studies Conference (Philadelphia: October 17, 1991).
- Chair and Commentator: "Europeans and the New World," The Sixteenth Century Studies Conference (St. Louis: October 26, 1990).
- Chair and Discussant: "The Politics of the Renaissance Body," American Comparative Literature Association Graduate Student Conference (Amherst, MA: April 17, 1988).

BOOK REVIEWS

The American Historical Review

111:3 (June 2006): 787. Robert H. Jackson, *Missions and the Frontiers of Spanish America* (Scottsdale, AZ: Pentacle Press, 2005).

106:4 (October 2001): 1427-1428. Bernardo García Martínez and Alba González Jácome, editors. *Estudios sobre historia y ambiente en América*. Volume 1, *Argentina, Bolivia, México, Paraguay* (México, D.F.: Colegio de México, 1999).

The Hispanic American Historical Review

84:4 (November 2004): 734-735. Magali M. Carrera. *Imagining Identity: Race, Lineage, and the Colonial Body in Portraiture and Casta Paintings*. Joe R. and Teresa Lozano Long Series in Latin American and Latino Art and Culture (Austin: University of Texas Press, 2003).

74:3 (August 1994): 510-511. Margarita Zamora, *Reading Columbus* (Berkeley: U. of California Press, 1993); John B. Wolcott, *Uncovering the Real Columbus* (Huntington, W. Va.: Aegina Press, 1992).

Colonial Latin American Historical Review

12:2 (Spring 2003): 230-231. Stafford Poole, *Juan de Ovando: Governing the Spanish Empire in the Reign of Philip II* (Norman: University of Oklahoma Press, 2004).

3:2 (Spring 1994): 230-231. Renán Silva, *Universidad y sociedad en el nuevo reino de Granada. Contribución a un análisis histórico de la formación intelectual de la sociedad colombiana* (Bogatá: Banco de la República, 1992).

ISLE: Interdisciplinary Studies in Literature and Environment

15:2 (Summer 2008): 270-271. Gregory Hanlon. *Human Nature in Rural Tuscany: An Early Modern History* (New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2007).

13:2 (Summer 2006): 259-260. Peter Hanns Reill, *Vitalizing Nature in the Enlightenment* (Berkeley: U. of California Press, 2005).

Calíope: Journal of the Society for Renaissance and Baroque Hispanic Poetry

11:2 (2005): 160-162. Jesús Escobar, *The Plaza Mayor and the Shaping of Baroque Madrid* (Cambridge and New York: Cambridge University Press, 2004).

Isis: Journal of the History of Science Society

97:4 (December 2006): 754-755. Rafael Angel Rodríguez Sánchez, *Introducción de la medicina moderna en España: una imagen de nuestra renovación científica (1687-1727) desde la teoría de la ciencia de Thomas S. Kuhn* (Seville: Ediciones Alfar, 2005).

H-Net Latin American History List

(January 25, 1998) Luz María Hernández Sáenz, *Learning to Heal: The Medical Profession in Colonial Mexico 1767-1831* (New York: Peter Lang, 1997).

(September 1, 1996) Richard Kagan and Geoffrey Parker, eds., *Spain, Europe and the Atlantic World: Essays in Honour of John H. Elliott* (Cambridge: Cambridge U. Press, 1995).

(June 1, 1995): Elinor G. K. Melville, A Plague of Sheep: Environmental Consequences of the Conquest of Mexico (Cambridge: Cambridge U. Press, 1994).

The Sixteenth Century Journal

- 28:3 (Fall 1997): 1035-1036. David A. Howard, *Conquistador in Chains: Cabeza de Vaca and the Indians of the Americas* (Tuscaloosa: U. of Alabama Press, 1997).
- 28:2 (Summer 1997): 547-548. Richard Trexler, *Sex and Conquest: Gendered Violence, Political Order, and the European Conquest of the Americas* (Ithaca: Cornell U. Press, 1995).
- 25:2 (Summer 1994): 456-457. James C. Boyajian, *Portuguese Trade in Asia under the Habsburgs*, 1580-1640 (Baltimore and London: The Johns Hopkins U. Press, 1993).
- 24:4 (Winter 1993): 920-921. W. W. Meissner, S.J., M.D., *Ignatius of Loyola: The Psychology of a Saint* (New Haven and London: Yale U. Press, 1992).
- 24:4 (Winter 1993): 921-922. Ida Altman and James Horn, eds., "To Make America": European Emigration in the Early Modern Period (Berkeley: U. of California Press, 1991).
- 24:2 (Summer 1993): 506-507. Sara T. Nalle, *God in La Mancha: Religious Reform and the People of Cuenca, 1500-1650* (Baltimore and London: The Johns Hopkins U. Press, 1992).
- 23:2 (Summer 1992): 377-378. James Lockhart, *Nahuas and Spaniards: Postconquest Central Mexican History and Philology* (Stanford and Los Angeles: Stanford U. Press and the UCLA Latin American Center, 1991).
- 22:3 (Fall 1991): 589-590. Robert Bireley, *The Counter-Reformation Prince: Anti-Machiavellianism or Catholic Statecraft in Early Modern Europe* (Chapel Hill: U. of North Carolina Press, 1990).
- 21:4 (Winter 1990): 711-712. Louise M. Burkhart, *The Slippery Earth: Nahua-Christian Moral Dialogue in Sixteenth-Century Mexico* (Tucson: U. of Arizona Press, 1989).
- 21:4 (Winter 1990): 695-696. Brendan Bradshaw and Eamon Duffy, eds., *Humanism, Reform and the Reformation: The Career of Bishop John Fisher* (Cambridge: Cambridge U. Press, 1989).
- 20:3 (Fall 1989): 495. A. Lynn Martin, *The Jesuit Mind: The Mentality of an Elite in Early Modern France* (Ithaca: Cornell U. Press, 1988).

COURSES

History 150, "The West in the World"

A one-semester, interdisciplinary world history course developed to introduce students to the diversity of human cultures, while also rooting our common humanity in its species-specific needs and responses. Readings include Robert Strayer's *Ways of the World* and supplemental primary source material.

History 324, "Early Latin America"

Beginning with a review of Pre-Columbian American cultures and Medieval Iberia, this course goes on to emphasize the syncretic nature of Latin American civilization and the survival of Native American traditions, as well as the significance of African contributions.

History 325, "Modern Latin America"

Starting with the independence movements of the modern era, this course stresses the compromises and conflicts arising in the various syncretic attempts of modern Latin American nations. While traditional themes of gender, race, and class are not ignored, compromises and conflicts with the rich biodiversity of Latin America are explored as well.

History 445, "History and Historians"

Students are introduced to the latest discussion in the philosophy of history through books like *Telling the Truth about History* by Appleby, Hunt, and Jacob and John H. Arnold's *History: a Very Short Introduction*. An attempt to discern common human trends is explored through behavioral traits that cross human cultures and social species. Frans de Waal's *Chimpanzee Politics* is used to demonstrate how a primatologist has discerned political behavior among the apes and how historians might use primatology and evolutionary biology to understand human behavior better.

History 468, "Magic, Witchcraft, and Science in the Early Modern World"

Interaction of magic and science from 1492 to 1859, focusing on gender issues surrounding women as both witches and scientists; church dogma and social control; and the development of empirical inquiry. A mechanistic and mathematically dominated vision is seen to replace the organic vision of medieval Europeans, while it is resisted by Native Americans under European rule. The course ends with a discussion of the revised organicism of the Romantics and early evolutionary theory—two perspectives in which humans are once again firmly made a part of nature and its processes.

History 497, "Special Topics: A History of Animals in the Atlantic World"

This course explores the interaction of humans with other animals in the context of the Atlantic World from prehistoric times to the present. Case studies include an exploration of our early hominin heritage as prey as well as predators; our domestication of other animals to fit our cultural needs; how nonhuman animals were used and sometimes respected in early agrarian empires like those of Rome and the Aztecs; how Native American, African and Christian religious traditions have wrestled with the concept of the "animal"; the impact of the Enlightenment and Darwinian thought; and the contemporary mechanization of life and call for animal rights.

History 641, "Studies in World History: Comparative Revolutions"

A survey of the causes and results of revolutionary activity. The course focuses on the French Revolution of 1789 and the Mexican Revolution of 1910, while making comparisons to the Atlantic revolutions of 1776-1848 and Central American and Caribbean revolutions in the twentieth century.

History 641, "Studies in World History: Ethology, Ecology, and History"

A course designed to introduce students to biohistory. Common human behavioral categories are sought across cultures in the spirit of animal behavior studies. Human interaction with other animals and the environment is also explored.

TEACHING AND INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

BSU Freshman Connections Participant, 1997-2010.

Interdisciplinary Living and Learning Retention Program in which students shared dormitory space and classes. Students in my History 150, "The West in the World" course also shared one other class through this program. Shared professors developed themes common to their disciplines in their classes so as to demonstrate the extent to which a dialogue between different fields can enrich our understanding of the world and societies around us. This program was recognized in the College Edition of *U.S. News and World Report* (2005-2009) as an outstanding first-year experience "believed to lead to student success." Between 1998 and 2003 second-year retention increased from 68.3% to 78.3%. In a survey taken in my class in 1999, 85.39% of 89 students saw history as inter-related to other disciplines.

Panel Participant, Indiana Student Affairs Association Conference, October 11, 2006.

Discussed interdisciplinary interaction with English instructors, advisors, residence hall directors, and students involved in the BSU Freshman Connections Program. The panel was entitled "Freshman Connections: Helping Students Make Connections for Success."

Lumina Foundation Summer Workshop, 2005

Participant in a project to sustain learning in Ball State University's core curriculum with the ultimate goal of enhancing retention and making students appreciate interdisciplinary approaches in scholarship.

Certified Nature Mapper, Indiana Biodiversity Initiative, 2000-2001.

In 2000, I became a certified nature mapper for the state of Indiana. As a nature mapper, I familiarized myself with the field identification of terrestrial and avian fauna in order to keep a record of the state of biodiversity in the Muncie, Indiana region.

Panel Participant, BSU Conference on the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning, April 10, 1999.

Discussed interdisciplinary interaction with English instructors, advisors, residence hall directors, and students involved in the BSU Freshman Connections Program.

Participation in Curriculum Development Workshops.

Core Curriculum Institute at Ball State University, May 8-12, 2000.

"Mexico and Our Connections" for Middle School Teachers of Social Studies, Feb. 23, 1996.

FIPSE Curriculum Infusion Workshop on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, June 19-22, 1995.

Environmental Problems, General Studies Workshop, June 5-9, 1995.

Course Development Workshop, General Studies Workshop, May 10-14, 1993.

SERVICE

Assistant Chair, Department of History, Ball State University, July, 2007- January, 2012

During $4\frac{1}{2}$ years as assistant chair, duties included scheduling classes, assigning undergraduate teaching fellows to professors, managing these undergraduate employees, editing the department's annual newsletter, and serving as acting chairperson in the absence of the departmental chair. I also extended the department's community outreach through involving students in various public history projects.

Member of University and College Committees.

College Curriculum Committee, 2008-2009; 2011-present (Chair, 2011-present)

Different Dawn Revisited (Teaching & Scholarship at BSU), February 17-18, 2006

Professional Affairs Council, 2003-2005

Teaching Evaluation Committee, 2003-2005 (Chair, 2004-2005)

Cardinal Leadership Roundtable, 2003-2004

Committee Member of the BSU Provost's "Green-2" Initiative, 2000-2001.

As a member of the provost's "Greening of the Campus" Initiative, I participated in developing strategies to make BSU a more sustainable campus, with a particular emphasis on purchasing hybrid automobiles for our university fleet.

Chair of Departmental Committees.

Digital History Search Committee, Spring 2012 Honors and Scholarship Committee, 1997-1998 Library Committee, 1996-1997; 2003-2005 Graduate Programs Committee, 1994-1995 Undergraduate Programs Committee, 1991-1994 Student History Conference Committee, 2012-present

Secretary of Departmental Committees.

Undergraduate Programs Committee, 1999 Library Committee, 1994-1996; 2000-2001 Graduate Programs Committee, 1993-1994

Member of Departmental Committees.

Promotion and Tenure Committee, 1996-1999; 2000-2001; 2004-2006; 2007-2008; 2009-2010; 2011-2012

Undergraduate Programs Committee, 1998; 2000-2005

Advisory Committee, 1991-1998; 2006-present

Graduate Programs Committee, 1996-1998

Honors and Scholarship Committee, 1995-1997; 2004-2005; 2008-2010

Library Committee, 2001-2003; 2005-2006

Merit Committee, 2006-2008

Faculty Advisor to the Ball State University Animal Defense League, 1996-2004.

LECTURE AND SYMPOSIUM ORGANIZATION

Lecture: "Building a Synthetic World: Indiana's Arden," Edward Castronova, author of *Synthetic Worlds: The Business and Culture of Online Games* (University of Chicago, 2005), & the *World of William Shakespeare* Team, Indiana University.

Ball State University (November 17, 2006).

Raised funds; provided lodging and meals as part of a Freshman Connections Learning Team in conjunction with BSU's Center for Media Design, Department of Computer Science and College of Communication, Information and Media.

Lecture: "Herding Cats, Moving Cemeteries, and Hauling Academic Trunks: Managing Change in Higher Education," Susanne Lohmann, Director of the Center for Governance, UCLA.

Ball State University (October 26, 2001).

Raised funds; provided lodging, entertainment.

Conference: "Research Conference on Biopolitics II," UCLA (Los Angeles: March 29-31, 2001).

Organizer with Susanne Lohmann of UCLA and Michael Thompson of the Musgrave Institute,
London & the Norwegian Research Centre in Organization and Management.

Lecture: "The Social Context of Manufacturing in Colonial Mexico," Ida Altman, author of *Transatlantic Ties in the Spanish Empire: Brihuega, Spain & Puebla, Mexico 1560-1620* (Stanford, 2000) and *Emigrants and Society: Extremadura and America in the Sixteenth Century* (California, 1989).

Ball State University (Muncie: March 19, 1999).

Raised funding; advertised lecture; provided for lodging, food, and entertainment.

Symposium: "Intercultural Communication and Communities in Iberian Imperialism,"

Ball State University (April 13, 1996).

Invited scholars; raised funding; organized schedule; provided lodging, travel, entertainment. Participants:

Charles Cutter (Department of History, Purdue University)

Regina Harrison (Department of Spanish and Portuguese, University of Maryland)

Sara T. Nalle (Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton University)

Mbare Ngom (Department of Modern Languages, Morgan State University)

Phyllis Peres (Department of Spanish and Portuguese, University of Maryland)

Lecture: "The Moment of Truth in Ancient Rome: Honor and Embodiment in a Contest Culture," Carlin Barton, author of *The Sorrows of the Ancient Romans: The Gladiator and the Monster* (Princeton University Press, 1993).

Ball State University (Muncie: September 18, 1995).

Raised funds; provided lodging, travel, entertainment.

Symposium: "Latin American Symposium," Allegheny College (Meadville: May 1989).

Member of the Organizing Committee.

Symposium: "Symposium on Africa," Allegheny College (Meadville: April 1989).

Budget Director.

CONSULTING

Food Historian, Environmental Historian and Biohistorian, New Day Meadery, 2004- 2009. I have prepared a brief history of mead for proprietors Tia Agnew and Brett Canaday.

Exhibit Contributor, "Foodways," *Reordering the Universe: Recent Acquisitions*, Ball State University Museum of Art, May 18-November 5, 2006.

Provided written interpretations of two etchings: *Credenza with Coffee Service* by Johann Jacob Schübler (1689-1741) & *Snack Bar* by Isabel Bishop (1902-1988).

Reviewer, Midwestern Association of Graduate Schools 2005 Distinguished Master's Thesis Awards Committee.

World History Curriculum Outreach Project, National Endowment for the Humanities, 2002.

Assisted Professor Kenneth Hall of Ball State University in world history curriculum development for Blackford High School, Blackford County, Indiana. Presented and developed bibliographical materials on the World History of Food and "Making Sense of Latin America." Presentations at Blackford High School to teachers on February 7, 2002 and February 17, 2002.

Member of Roland H. Bainton Book Prize Committee, 1994.

Evaluated books in history, literature, art history, and music history for The Sixteenth Century Studies Conference.

Provided historical bibliography for further development of ITEDU 100, "Society and Technology." Contracted by Dr. Charles McLaughlin, College of Applied Sciences and Technology, BSU. Summer, 1993.

Prepublication evaluations of:

John Beusterien. *Amor perro: Animal Studies and Early Modern Spain*, Ashgate Publishing Company, March 2012.

"Bringing the Animals Back in," History Compass. May 2010.

Eric W. Robinson, Paul Halliday and Rebecca Spang, *A Visual History of Western Civilization*, Pearson/Prentice Hall, May 2008. Project Proposal & Chapter 11: "The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse: Medieval Crises 1300-1500."

Richard W. Bulliet, et al. *The Earth and Its Peoples: A Global History, Student Achievement Series*, Volume 1, Houghton Mifflin Company, May 2007.

Robert Strayer. A Brief World History, Volume 2, Draft 1, Bedford Books/ St. Martin's Press. September 2006.

Robert Strayer. A Brief World History, Volume 1, Draft 1, Bedford Books/ St. Martin's Press. December 2005.

Lynn Hunt et al. *The Making of the West: Peoples and Cultures*, 2nd edition, Bedford Books/ St. Martin's Press. November 2005.

Western Civilization in World Perspective, 1st edition, Longman, November 2004.

McKay, Hill, Buckler and Ebrey, *A History of World Societies*, Anticipated 7th edition, Houghton Mifflin Company. August 2004.

Merry Wiesner et al. *Discovering the Global Past: A Look at the Evidence*, 3rd edition, Houghton Mifflin Company. April 2004.

"Deploying Wives with the Regiment: Women as Subjects and Actors at the Restoration Garrisons of Tangier and Gibraltar, 1662-1741," *Diplomatic History*. February 2004.

"Modernas agonías de historicidad y juricidad: americanizar a Francisco de Vitoria (1486-1546)," *Colonial Latin American Historical Review*. May 2001.

Stuart Schwartz, Victors and Vanquished, Bedford Books/St. Martin's Press. December 1996.

The Meaning of the West, Bedford Books/St. Martin's Press. August 1995. Constructing the Western Past, West Educational Publishing. November 1993.

Michigan Academician: Papers of the Michigan Academy of Sciences, Arts and Letters, Fall 1992.

PUBLIC LECTURES

David Owsley Museum of Art, BSU.

"Visual Evidence for Human Association with Other Animals in History," Art Alliance Talk, November 14, 2012.

"Early Modern Worlds: Readings Given Us Through Art," Gallery Talk, April 8, 2001.

"An Introduction to Pre-Columbian Worlds," Art Alliance Talk, February, 10, 1999.

"Life and Death in Latin America," Art Alliance Talk, January 11, 1995.

"Hierarchy and Reciprocity: Eating in Early Modern Europe," "The Ostentatious Age" Mini-series. November 17, 1991.

Muncie Public Library.

"A Muggle's History of Animals in the Supernatural World," May 22, 2010.

(PowerPoint presentation as part of the Kennedy Library's NIH exhibit, "Harry Potter's World: Renaissance Science, Magic and Medicine.")

Great Decisions Discussion Series: "U.S. –Latin American Relations Post-9/11," September 8, 2004.

National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors,

North Central Indiana Chapter Awards Ceremony, South Bend, IN.

"The Power of Coalitions: To Insure Mutual Aid," January 15, 2009.

(Invited Presentation at banquet to honor outstanding insurance agents.)

Community Center for Vital Aging, Fisher Institute for Wellness and Gerontology, Muncie, IN.

"Clash of Cultures: The Conquest of Mexico," April 5, 2011.

"The History of Valentine's Day," February 14, 2006.

Girl Scouts of Wapehani Council.

Two Brief Presentations on "Women in the Middle Ages" and "Food in the Middle Ages," May 14, 2005, at the Girl Scouts' Medieval-Renaissance Faire in Daleville, IN.

Ball State University Women's Week.

Panel Participant, "Males Doing Feminist Work: Problems and Potentiality," March 27, 2009.

"The Biohistory of Feminism," March 29, 2004.

Ball State University Freshman Connections Program.

"Factory or Farm: Caught Between Industrial and Traditional?" October 6, 2004. (Served as moderator and provided a PowerPoint introduction to a panel featuring Rodney Walker, songwriter and former agricultural worker, and Dave and Sara Ring, organic farmers and community sponsored agriculture developers.)

Ball State University Future Veterinarians Society.

"The Relevance of Animal Studies," March 1, 2011.

Ball State University Latin American Studies Program.

"Magical Transformations in Colonial New Spain," March 15, 2005.

La Alianza de Estudiantes Latinos (Latino Student Union).

"The Impact of Development: The Environment and People of Latin America," for Latino Awareness Week. September 29, 2003.

"Unidad. La Raza cósmica," for BSU Latino Awareness Month. March 2, 1998.

"Latin America: Material Problems, Magical Rebellions," for BSU Latino Awareness Month, October 8, 1996.

"Did Columbus Really Discover America?" BSU Latin American Studies Lecture Series, October 12, 1992.

Burris High School, Ms. Barbara Hart's Spanish class.

Presentation on the History of Argentina. April 7, 1999.

Presentation on the Mexican Revolution of 1910 and the Chiapas Revolt of 1994. Oct. 16, 1996.

Presentation on current events in Mexico. April 6, 1994.

Crawfordsville High School, Crawfordsville, IN.

"Conquest and Compromise: A Tale of Amerindians and Spaniards," June 13, 2008. (Presentation to elementary and middle school teachers on the cultural issues related to the establishment of New Spain. Part of the Ohio River Teaching American History Project, a U.S. Department of Education Grant directed by Ronald V. Morris, Ball State University.)

BSU History Club.

"Common Themes in Latin American Empires: Pre-Columbian and Spanish," November 14, 2006.

"Biohistory," November 11, 2003.

BSU Anthropology Club.

"Humans as Primates," October 17, 2001.

"Of Peanuts and Bread: Images of the Raw and the Refined in the Sixteenth-Century Conquest of New Spain," September 16, 1992.

BSU Institute of Transnational Business/AIESEC.

Participant, NAFTA Discussion Panel, November 16, 1992.

MEDIA INTERVIEWS

The New York Times (Saturday, February 10, 2001).

Interviewed by Emily Eakin for article: "Tilling History with Biology's Tools," A15, A17.

National Public Radio.

Interviewed on the cultural meaning of myth for "Myths and Legends," *Rock & Roll America* with Richard Aquila. March 26, 1999.

Indiana Public Radio.

Interviewed by Janet Babin on Día de los Muertos and Mexican culture. November 2, 1998.

Global Focus, with Ken Hall, WIPB Channel 49 (local PBS affiliate):

Interview on Mexican mysticism and religious syncretism. August 2, 1995.

Panel Interview on current affairs in Mexico. April 18, 1995.

Interviewed about "Living and Lost Traditions" Exhibit. 1993-1994.

Interviewed about contemporary Mexico and the Chiapas crisis. 1993-1994.

The Meadville Tribune (Meadville, PA: vol. 106, no. 112).

Interviewed for article: "Local Eyes View Panamanian Crisis," December 21, 1989.

TRAVEL

Mexico: Attended Science and Transcendence Advanced Research Series (STARS): "Evolution, ET, and the Significance of Life in the Universe" (January 2007).

South Africa: Visited hominid fossil sites of importance to research cross-temporal and cross-cultural behavior at Sterkfontein and Swartkrans, South Africa (Summer, 1998).

Zimbabwe: Visited new excavations at Zimbabwe Ruins, demonstrating the extent of international trade in Southern Africa prior to the nineteenth century (Summer, 1998).

Istanbul, Turkey: Collected material on cross-cultural exchanges in the Mediterranean (January, 1997).

Mexico: Nahuatl language study and archaeological visits as Visiting Scholar at Universidad de las Américas, Cholula, Mexico (Summer, 1992).

Archivo General de la Nación, Mexico City: Granted access to sixteenth- and seventeenth-century documents, including *relaciones geográficas* and court transcripts (Summer, 1989).

SCHOLARLY ORGANIZATIONS

Sixteenth Century Society and Conference

Animals and Society Institute

The Metanexus Institute

International Big History Association