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EDUCATION

American Studies, Ph. D. — University of Kansas, May 2010
English, MA — West Texas A&M University, May 2004
Journalism BA — Texas Tech University, May 1998

DISSERTATION

“Sheepdogs and Barbed Wire: An Environmental History of Grazing on the High Plains”
Preliminary exam, candidacy - May 15, 2007 – defense, April 19, 2010 – committee, Karl Brooks in history, environmental studies; Donald Worster, history; Tanya Marie Golash Boza, American Studies, sociology; Ruben Flores, American Studies; and Chris Brown, geography

BOOKS

“Casimiro Romero—Llanero” and “The Quitaque Killings,” chapters and introduction in “Llaneros: The Mexican Southern Plains, 1500-1900,” ms. edited by Alex Hunt, Joel Zapata, Andrew Reynolds, and John Beusterien

“Sheepdogs and Barbed Wire; or The Biography of Casimiro Romero,” ms. under revision

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

“‘Texas’: Entertainment and Legacy,” *Panhandle Plains Historical Review*, 84 (2012-13): 91-126

“The Quitaque Killings,” *Journal of the West* 51:2 (spring 2013): 7-15

“From Grass to Grain: Of Cows, Plows, Politics, and Power,” *Journal of the West* 50:2 (spring 2011): 38-50

“Interview with Donald Worster, Distinguished Professor of History, University of Kansas” on the Katrina disaster and the Dust Bowl, editor, *Social Thought and Research* 27 (2006): 111-121

“Henry David Thoreau,” in *American Icons: An Encyclopedia of the People, Places, and Things That Have Shaped Our Culture*, vol. 3, Eds. Dennis R. Hall and Susan Grove Hall (Westport, CT: Greenwood Press, 2006): 690-97

“The Homecoming,” a first-person journalistic sketch published in the April 2003 edition of *The Legacy*, the West Texas A&M literary magazine

“Waiting,” a narrative poem published in the April 2003 edition of *The Legacy*

Journalism, 1996-2002: trade journals *Oil and Gas Investor*, *Energy Markets* (defunct), and *Petroleum Engineer International* (defunct), 1998-1999; newspapers including *Daily Republic* of Fairfield, California, 1999-2002; and *Streetmail*, website, Berkeley edition, November and December 2000

TEACHING

- 2011 – 2013 Temp. Adjunct Prof, English and History, West Texas A&M University, Canyon
Freshmen Comp and Rhetoric: ENG 1301 (four sections, fall 2011; one section, spring 2012 and fall 2012); Introduction to Professional and Technical Communication: ENG 2311 (three sections, spring 2012; one section, fall 2012; and three sections, spring 2013); Remedial Writing and Argumentation: ENG 0302 (one section, fall 2012); America 1492 to 1877: HIST 1301 (one section, second summer 2012; two sections, fall 2012 and spring 2013)
- 2004 – 2008 TA in History, American Studies; Lecturer in English, University of Kansas, Lawrence
The American West in the Twentieth Century: HIST 621 (asst. lecturer, undergraduate grader for Donald Worster, one section, spring 2008); Understanding America: AMS 100 (instructor of record, two sections, fall 2007); The American People: AMS/SOC 110 (instructor of record, two sections, fall 2006 and spring 2007; one section, summer 2006; and discussion leader, four sections, 2005 – 2006); Freshman Comp: ENG 102 (two sections, spring 2005); and Freshman Comp: ENG 101 (two sections, fall 2004)
- 2002 – 2004 Assoc Instructor, TA in English, West Texas A&M University, Canyon
Freshman Comp: ENG 102 (spring 2003); Freshman Comp: ENG 102 (instructor of record, two sections, spring 2004; instructor of record, online section, fall 2003; two sections, 2002 – 2003); and Remedial Writing: ENG 099 (instructor of record, one section, summer 2003)
- 2002 – 2004 Writing Center, West Texas A&M University: Writing Tutor

SELECTED LECTURES, CONFERENCES

- “The Quitaque Killings: Memory and Connections, Earth Day 2013,” public lecture and reading, Amarillo Public Library, 25 April 2013
- “Make Your Own History and Make History Your Own,” public lecture for Black History Month, Buff Hall, West Texas A&M University, Canyon, 31 Jan. 2013
- “The Geography of Casimiro Romero,” guest lecture, Randall County Historical Commission, Canyon, Texas, 25 Oct. 2012
- “Panhandle early days, in words,” guest lecture, Lion’s Club, Canyon, Texas, 5 Sept. 2012
- “Ranching the White Way,” panel participant, “The Southern Plains in the World,” The Sowell Conference on Literature, Community, and the Natural World, Texas Tech University, Lubbock, 26 April 2012
- “The Quitaque Killings: Ethnic Cleansing and Regional Historiography; or A Southern Plains Hispano Murder Mystery,” guest lecture sponsored by the Chicano Studies and American Indian Studies programs, University of Wyoming, Laramie, 10 Nov. 2011
- “The Quitaque Killings: Sheep, Cattle, and Ethnic Violence in the Panhandle,” public reading sponsored by the Texas Panhandle Audubon Society, Palace Coffee, Canyon, Texas, 3 Oct. 2011
- “Biography as Plains History: Pastores in the Cattle Kingdom,” panel participant, “Biography’s Role in Environmental History II: Queries and Case Studies,” American Society for Environmental History, Phoenix, 14 April 2011
- “Tracing ‘Traces’ in Texas: Archaeology, History, and Preserving the Plains Hispano Past,” guest lecture, Panhandle Archaeological Society, Wildcat Bluff Nature Center, Amarillo, Texas, 16 Feb. 2011

- “Canyons y Cañadas: A Land History of the Southern High Plains,” public lecture, Petroleum Museum, Midland, Texas, 23 Sept. 2010
- “The Early Years of Casimiro Romero—Navarro?,” public lecture, Southwest Collection, Texas Tech University, Lubbock, 25 March 2010
- “Some West Texas, New Mexico, and Western Kansas Relationships—On the Trail of Casimiro Romero,” paper presentation, joint annual meeting of the West Texas and East Texas Historical associations, Fort Worth, Texas, 27 Feb. 2010
- “Sheepdogs and Barbed Wire: Ecological Revolution on the High Plains,” public lecture, Goodnight Series, Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum, Canyon, Texas, 9 Jan. 2010
- “Sheepdogs and Barbed Wire,” public lecture, West Texas Collection, Angelo State University, San Angelo, 7 Jan. 2010
- “From Grass to Grain on the Llano Estacado: The Transformation of the Range Cattle Industry After the Collapse of the 1880s,” guest lecture, Nature-Culture Seminar of the Hall Center for the Humanities, the University of Kansas, Lawrence, 12 Dec. 2008
- “Sheepdogs and Barbed Wire: Two Takes On One Plains Ecotone,” panel participant, “American Agricultural Imperialism, 1850-1930,” American Studies Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, 11 Oct. 2007
- “Drawing Lines around the Borderlands: A History of Homeland, Hinterland, and Crossroads,” guest lecture, Teaching American History, Clio/Olathe Schools Summer Seminar 2007: “Debating the Common Good,” Bob Dole Institute for Politics, the University of Kansas, Lawrence, 22 June 2007
- “Mobility and Enclosure as Pastoral Approaches to the Southern Plains of North America,” guest lecture, HIST 636: “Agriculture in World History,” Prof. Donald Worster, Distinguished Hall Professor of American History, Kansas University, 19 April 2007
- “Bitter Virtue in Willa Cather’s O Pioneers!,” paper presentation, Association for the Study of Literature and Environment Biennial Conference, University of Oregon, 24 June 2005
- “The Parable of Charlie Flagg: A Tragic Example of the West and for the West,” paper presentation, Western Literature Association Annual Conference, Big Sky, Montana, 29 Sept. 2004
- “Thoreau and the Great Green Myth: A Different Word for Nature,” paper presentation, joint conference of the Popular Culture Association/American Culture Association, San Antonio, Texas, 7 April 2004
- “Elmer Kelton: A Reluctant Revisionist,” public lecture, Elmer Kelton Writers Conference, San Angelo State University, San Angelo, Texas, Feb. 2004
- “The Marriage of Science and Literary Journalism: A Venerable Union,” paper presentation, Conference of College Teachers of English, San Antonio, Texas, April 2003

SERVICE, PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Texas Panhandle Audubon Society, board member, 2011 – 2014

Randall County Historical Commission, member, 2013 – 2014

Sigma Tau Delta, lifetime member

American Society for Environmental History, member, 2010 – 2011

Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum, friend, 2009 – 2011

American Studies Association, member, 2007 – 2008

Teaching Assistants Coalition, organizer, media coordinator, Kansas University, 2004 – 2006

American Studies Graduate Student Association, communications coordinator, Kansas University, spring 2006

Association for the Study of Literature and the Environment, member, 2005 – 2006

Western Literature Association, member, 2004 – 2005

Interdisciplinary Scholars Initiative, welcome sub-committee chair, conference committee, American Studies Graduate Student Association, Kansas University, 2004 – 2005

English department library committee, lecturer representative, Kansas University, 2004 – 2005

Modern Language Association, member, 2003 – 2005

April Society, former graduate student association of the English department, president and founding member, West Texas A&M University, 2003 – 2004

College Teachers of English, member, 2003 – 2004

OTHER WORK, AWARDS, HONORS

Excellence in West Texas History Fellow, 2009-2010

\$45,000 research fellowship; included \$5,000 publishing subvention

TA, Proctor for Donald Worster, University of Kansas, 2007-2008

Conducted primary research on John Muir; edited video clips for Worster's public lectures; and assessed course readings, led discussions, presented original lectures in Worster's class "Agriculture in World History" and "History of the American West"

Research Asst for Alex Hunt, West Texas A&M University, 2004

Conducted historical research on bison conservation and ranching

Outstanding Teaching Asst, Dept of English, West Texas A&M University, 2003-2004

Graduate School Teaching Fellowship, West Texas A&M University, 2002 – 2004

English and Modern Languages Excellence Scholarship, West Texas A&M University, 2003 – 2004

Pat Sullivan Award, West Texas A&M University, 2003 – 2004

Second place, business writing, division IV daily, California and Arizona, Associated Press News Executive Council, 2002

Freelance writer, New Delhi and Indian-held Kashmir, November 2001 to January 2002—created marketing literature for a call-center consultancy and reported on the 2001 assault on India's Parliament by Pakistan-assisted Kashmiri separatists and on the subsequent troop buildup in Srinagar.

Business writer, Daily Republic, Fairfield, Ca., December 1999 to November 2001—covered a dynamic submarket of the San Francisco Bay Area and filled in on other beats

Foundation for American Communications, Economics Institute Fellow, 2000

Asst editor, freelance writer, Hart Upstream Energy Group, Phillips Publishing International, Houston, May 1998 to December 1999—wrote monthly features in three oil and gas trade magazines, covered breaking news in Hart's trade-show dailies, and assisted in editorial functions of its then four monthlies

Second place, organization writing in the 1996 – 1997 La Ventana, Texas Tech yearbook, Collegiate Gold Circle, Columbia Scholastic Press Association, 1998

REFERENCES

Karl Brooks, J.D., Ph.D., Professor of the Practice in the School of Public Affairs and Administration at the University of Kansas, Wescoe Hall, room 4060, Lawrence, Kansas, 66045, kbrooks@ku.edu, 785-550-2302

Alex Hunt, Ph.D., Haley Endowed Professor of Western Studies at West Texas A&M University, Classroom Center, room 319H, Box 60908, Canyon, 79016, ahunt@wtamu.edu, 806-651-2457

Joel Zapata, Ph.D., Assistant Professor in the School of History, Philosophy, and Religion, at Oregon State University, 322 Milam Hall, 2520 SW Campus Way, Corvallis, Oregon, 97331, joel.zapata@oregonstate.edu, 541-737-3421