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## FIELDS OF SPECIALIZATION:

Nineteenth‑Century American Urban and Regional History

Nineteenth‑Century American Social and Cultural History, Gender and Class,

History of Capitalism, Global Urban History

## EDUCATION:

B.A., College of the Holy Cross, Worcester, MA 1975, History and Economics, Dean's List, Magna cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa

M.A, University of Chicago, American History, 1976

Ph.D., with Honors, University of Chicago, American History, December 1982

Dissertation Title: “River Towns in the West, 1835‑1860”

Dissertation Committee: Kathleen Neils Conzen (chair), Edward M. Cook, and William H. McNeill

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Professor, August 1999 -

University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Associate Professor, August 1992 - August 1999

University of Nebraska‑Lincoln, Assistant Professor of History, August 1986 ‑ August 1992

University of Maryland ‑ College Park, Part‑time Instructor, American History, Spring 1984 – Fall, 1985

North Central College, Naperville, Illinois, Part‑time Instructor, American History, September 1982‑June 1983

Roosevelt University, Chicago, Illinois, Part‑time Instructor, College of Continuing Education, September 1980‑December 1982

## GRANTS AND HONORS:

Research Council, Grant in Aid, 2020, University of Nebraska – Lincoln

College of Arts and Sciences, Sparks Grant, 2021, University of Nebraska- Lincoln

College of Arts and Sciences, University of Nebraska, Enhance Grant, Fall, 2019 (Deferred and cancelled)

Department of History, James A. Rawley Award, 2018, 2019

Senior Fulbright Lecturer in American Studies, School of English, Adam Mickiewicz University, Poznan, Poland (October, 2005-July, 2006)

University of Nebraska, Humanities Research Fellowship, Electronic Text Center, Fall 2005, 2004-2005

University of Nebraska, Humanities Center, Faculty Research Fellowship, Spring 2002

Newberry Library Short-Term Fellowship, Spring 2000

University of Nebraska Parents Association and Teaching Council “Certificate of Recognition for Contributions to Students,” January, 2000

Frank Hiedo Kono Fellow, Huntington Library, June, 1999

Research Council, Faculty Summer Research Fellowship, University of Nebraska, Summer 1998

Huntington Library, Mayers Fellowship, May-July 1996

Newberry Library (Chicago)/National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship, 1991‑92

Throne-Aldrich Award, State Historical Society of Iowa, Best Article on Iowa History in 1990

Director, Urban History Association, 1991

James H. Clark Summer Fellowship of the University of Nebraska‑Lincoln, Summer 1990

Visiting Professor of American Social History, University of Hannover, Hannover, Germany, Historisches Seminar, April‑July 1989

Research Council Grant‑in‑Aid, University of Nebraska‑Lincoln, Spring 1989, Spring 1988, Spring 1987

American Historical Association, Beveridge Grant for Research in American History, June 1985

History Department Fellow, University of Chicago, 1976‑1977

## PAPERS PRESENTED:

Comment on panel: “Where Does the Midwest End and the Plains Begin?” Northern Great Plains History Conference, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, September 27, 2024

“Bourgeois Imperialists: Cosmopolitanism, Globalism and the Transformation of the Gilded Age Midwest,” Northern Great Plains History Conference, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, September 29, 2023

“Bourgeois Imperialists: Cosmopolitan Masculinity in Gilded Age America,” Missouri Valley History Conference, Omaha, Nebraska, March 1, 2019

“Thinking About Midwestern History; The Midwest in a Global, Transnational and Global Perspective,” Northern Great Plains History Conference, Mankato State University, September 20, 2018

“The State of Midwestern History,” A Roundtable Comment, Missouri Valley History Conference, March 7, 2014

“Community Conversation: ‘Are the Founding Fathers Still Relevant:’ A Conversation about Thomas Jefferson,” Nebraska Humanities Council, Omaha, Nebraska, October 15, 2013

“Locating the Frontier City in Time and Space,” The Urban History Association Conference, Las Vegas, Nevada, October 22, 2010

“Exploring the City Digitally: The Gilded Age Plains City Digital Project,” Lincoln (NE) Preservation Association, December 8, 2009 [broadcast on Channel 5 Community Access, December, 2009]

“Gilded Age Plains City Digital Project: The Great Sheedy Murder Trial and the Booster Ethos of Lincoln, Nebraska,” Western Social Science Association, Denver, Colorado, April 26, 2008.

“The Plains Gilded Age City Digital History Project: Imagining the Great Sheedy Murder Case and its Aftermath,” Center for Great Plains Studies Symposium, April 17, 2008

“Locating the Frontier City in Time and Space,” Yale Frontier City Conference, St. Louis Mercantile Library, March 1, 2008

“Digital History and the Small City: The Plains Gilded Age City Digital Project,” Welcome Session: Small Cities Conference, Ball State University, Muncie, Indiana, April 12, 2007

“The Middle Class in the Gilded Age in the United States, 1865-1900,” Urban History Conference, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, September 28, 2002

“The Great Sheedy Murder Trial and the Booster Ethos of Lincoln, Nebraska’s Gilded Age,” Missouri Valley History Conference, Omaha, Nebraska, March 7, 2002

“‘The Best People in Town’: Midwestern Boosters in the Development of the Urban West, 1850-1900” Western History Association, San Diego, California, October 4, 2001

“The Small City in American History,” Keynote Address, *Small Cities: Past, Present, Future* Conference, Ball State University, Muncie, Indiana, September 15, 2001

“‘The Best City in the West’: The Crisis of Booster Ethos in Lincoln, Nebraska and Small Cities in the Midwest in the 1880s and 1890s,” *Small Cities: Past, Present, Future* Conference, Ball State University, Muncie, Indiana, September 15, 2001

“Old Boys: Middle Class Experience in the Middle West during the Gilded Age” Chicago Urban History Seminar, 20 September 2000

“Class, Gender, and the Booster Ethos: Constructing Social Order on the American Urban Frontier” Cincinnati Seminar on the City, Cincinnati, Ohio, 10 February 1999

“‘A Common Band of Brotherhood’: The Booster Ethos, Fraternity, and Urban Social Order in the Midwest of the 1840s,” Organization of American Historians, 19 April 1997; [earlier version] Northern Great Plains History Conference, St. Paul, 30 September 1994

“Elihu B. Washburne - A Son of Maine and a Resident of Illinois: Westward Migration in Antebellum America,” Washburn Humanities Center Conference, Livermore, Maine, 9 June 1995

“Migration, Family Strategy, and the Social Development of a ‘Nearby’ Urban Frontier: The Hempstead and Gratiot Families of St. Louis and the Upper Mississippi Lead Region, 1800-1840,” Missouri Valley History Conference, Omaha, 9 March 1995

“Provincial Lives: The Dynamics of Elite Strategy in an Antebellum Midwestern Town,” Social Science History Association, Chicago, 4 November 1992

## PUBLICATIONS:

### Books

“Bourgeois Imperialists: Middle Class Life in the Gilded Age Middle West” *(Manuscript is completed).*

*From Hometown to Battlefield in the Civil War Era: Middle Class Life in Midwest America.* New York: Cambridge University Press, 2016 (Paperback Edition, 2018)

[2017 Benjamin F. Shambaugh Award Honorable Mention, State Historical Society of Iowa]

*Provincial Lives: Middle Class Experience in the Antebellum Middle West.* New York: Cambridge University Press, 1999 (Paperback Edition, 2006)

*River Towns in the Great West: The Structure of Provincial Urbanization in the American Midwest, 1820‑1870.* New York: Cambridge University Press, 1990 (Paperback Edition, 2002)

### Edited Books

Co-editor with Wendy Katz, *Regionalism and the Humanities* (Lincoln: University of Nebraska Press, 2008)

### Articles

Timothy R. Mahoney, “Plains or Midwest?: Borders and Regional Identity” *Middle West Review* (Spring or Summer, 2025)

Timothy R. Mahoney, “Regionalism in a Global Age,” in Jon Lauck, editor, “Midwestern History: The State of the Field,” *Middle West Review* (Spring, 2024 [published April 28, 2024])

“Locating the Frontier City in Time and Place: Documenting a Passing Phenomenon,” in Jay Gitlin, Barbara Berglund, and Adam Arenson, eds., *Frontier Cities: Encounters at the Crossroads of Empire* (Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2013), 149-164.

Co-author with Wendy Katz, “Introduction, Regionalism and the Humanities: Decline or Revival?” in co-ed., with Wendy Katz, *Regionalism and the Humanities* (Lincoln: University of Nebraska Press, 2008), ix–xxviii.

“Middle Class Experience in the United States in the Gilded Age, 1865-1900,” *Journal of Urban History* (Spring, 2005), 356-366.

“The Small City in American History,” *Indiana Magazine of History,* XCIX, No. 4 (December 2003), 311-30.

“The Rise and Fall of the Booster Ethos in Dubuque, 1850 - 1861,” *Annals of Iowa* 61 Number 4 (Fall, 2002), 371-419.

“The Great Sheedy Murder Trial and the Booster Ethos of the Gilded Age in Lincoln,” *Nebraska History* 82, No. 4 (Winter, 2001), 163-79

[Winner of the James L. Sellers Memorial Award of the Nebraska State Historical Society for best article published in *Nebraska History* in 2001]

“‘A Common Band of Brotherhood’: The Booster Ethos, Male Subcultures, and the Origins of Urban Social Order in the Midwest of the 1840s,” *Journal of Urban History* (July 1999), 619-646

“Elihu B. Washburne--Son of Maine, Resident of Illinois: Westward Migration in Antebellum America,” *Maine History* 35 (Summer/Fall 1995): 62-81

“Down in Davenport (II), The Social Response of Antebellum Elites to Regional Urbanization,” *Annals of Iowa*, 50 (Fall 1990): 593‑622

“Down in Davenport (I), Antebellum Town Economic Development in a Regional Perspective,” *Annals of lowa*, 50 (Summer 1990): 451‑74.

[Winner of the Throne/Aldrich Award of the State Historical Society of Iowa for best article published in *Annals of Iowa* in 1990]

“Urban History in a Regional Context: River Towns on the Upper Mississippi, 1840‑1860,” *The Journal of American History* 72 (September 1985): 318‑39

### Digital Projects

“The Gilded Age Plains City, The Great Sheedy Murder Trial and the Booster Ethos of Lincoln, Nebraska,” (on line, July 15, 2008), url: http://gildedage.unl.edu/

### Edited Projects

Senior Contributing Editor, “Small Town Life,” *The American Midwest, An Interpretive Encyclopedia* (Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 2007), pp. 1075-1142

Editor, Special Issue of the *Journal of Urban History* “The Middle Class and the City” (March 2005)

Editor, *The Urban History Newsletter*, biannual, The Urban History Association, April 1997 through October 1999

### Review Articles

“A Bachelor’s World,” A Review of Howard Chudacoff’s ‘The Age of the Bachelor.’ H-URBAN on H-Net, published December 29 2000, pp. 1-12. H‑Urban @H‑Net.msu.edu

“Perspectives on ‘Nature’s Metropolis’: A Book Forum,” *Annals of Iowa* 51 (Summer 1992):490-500

### Encyclopedia Entries

“Small Town Life: A Thematic Essay,” *The American Midwest, An Interpretive Encyclopedia* (Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 2007), 1077-1080.

“Men’s Culture in the Midwest Small Town,” *The American Midwest, An Interpretive Encyclopedia,* 1104-1106.

“Hannibal, Missouri,” *The American Midwest, An Interpretive Encyclopedia,* 1127.

“River Towns,” *Encyclopedia of the Greats Plains*. (University of Nebraska Press, 2004)

“Industrialization and the Market,” “Urban Social Life,” “Interstate Commerce,” *Encyclopedia of the United States in the Nineteenth Century*. New York: Charles Scribner’s Sons, 2001

“John F. Dillon,” “Charles Gratiot,” “James Grant,” “Pierre Menard,” *American National Biography*. New York: Oxford University Press, 1999, vols. 6, 612-13; 9, 408-09, 428-29; and 15, 288-89

“The Urban Frontier,” “River Towns,” *Encyclopedia of Urban America: The Cities and Suburbs.* New York: ABC-Clio Press, 1998

Book Reviews: *The Historian*, 2019; *H-Urban*, 2000; *History, Review of Books*, 1988, 1989; *Annals of Iowa*, 1989, 1994, 1995, 1998, 2000, 2004, 2015; *American Historical Review*, 2005; *Journal of American History*, 1990, 1995, 1997, 2000, 2001, 2003, 2005, 2009, 2011, 2015; *Journal of Labor History*, 2001; *Journal of Historical Geography*, 1990; *Locus,* 1990; *Journal of Economic History,* 1991; *Journal of the Early Republic,* 1991; *Journal of the West,* 1994; *Pacific Historical Review*, 1995, 2010, 2011; *Western Historical Quarterly*, 2002; *Indiana Magazine of History*, 2005, 2015; *Great Plains Quarterly*, 2009, *Business History Review*, 2010; *American Studies*, 2010, Midwest History Review, 2016.

Manuscript Reviews: Truman State University Press 2012, Northern Illinois University Press 2012, Oxford University Press 2011, McGill-Queen’s University Press [Quebec, Canada] 2010, 2012; Bedford St. Martin’s, 2010, 2012; University of Missouri Press, 2008; University of Iowa Press, 2017, 2003; Longman, 2003; Houghton Mifflin, 2002; University of Nevada Press, 2002; University of Wisconsin Press, 2002; Southern Illinois University Press, 1998; Cambridge University Press, 1998; University of New Mexico Press, 1997; Addison Wesley Longman, 1997; University of Nebraska Press, 1997, 2013; *Michigan Historical Review*, 2011, *Journal of American History*, 2014, *Middle West Review*, 2023.

## OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:

Executive-Secretary, The Urban History Association, January 2000 - December 2004

*America’s History*, (James Henretta, et. al.) *Student Guide, Volume 1 to 1877*, 4th ed. (Lexington, Massachusetts: Bedford, St. Martin’s Press, 2000)

CD-Rom, *Communities on the Prairie* (Nebraska Educational Telecommunications Commission and Network, Lincoln, Nebraska, 1999)

“Communities on the Prairie,” Project, Nebraska Educational Telecommunications Commission and Network (NETCHE, Inc.), 1995-98; Content Consultant, wrote script on histories of Lincoln, Nebraska and several other Nebraska communities for computer software history and environmental awareness program.

*America: A Concise History, Student Guide, Volume 1 to 1877,* 1st ed. New York: Bedford Books, 1998, Chapters 6-9

*America: A Concise History, Instructor’s Resource Manual, Volume 1 to 1877*, 1st ed. New York: Bedford Books, 1998, Chapters 1-9

*America’s History, Student Guide, Volume 1 to 1877*, 3d ed. New York: Worth Publishers Inc., 1997, Chapters 6-9, pp. 83-137

*America’s History, Instructor’s Resource Manual, Volume 1 to 1877*, 3d. ed. New York: Worth Publisher's Inc., 1997, Chapters 1-9, pp. 5-103

*America’s History, Student Guide, Volume 1 to 1877,* 2d. ed. New York: Worth Publishers, 1993, Chapters 5-7, pp. 59-93

*America’s History, Instructor’s Resource Manual, Volume 1 to 1877*, 2d. ed. New York: Worth Publisher's Inc., 1993, Chapters 1 - 7, pp. 5-71

Review article manuscripts for: *Middle West Review*, 2023; *Michigan Historical Review*, 2017, *Journal of Urban History* (four times), *Annals of Iowa* (four times), *Journal of American History* (two times), *Pacific Historical Review* (two times), *Great Plains Quarterly* (two times)*, Western Historical Quarterly, Agricultural History.*

## UNIVERSITY SERVICE:

### Department of History:

Reappointment Committee, Chair, Sean Trundle, Fall, 2023

Faculty Mentoring, James Garza, 2022

Advisory Committee, 2021- 2022

Faculty Teaching Peer Review, Mark Lee

APR Leadership Team, Spring, 2020

Promotion and Tenure Review Committee, Sean Trundle, Fall, 2019

Promotion and Tenure Review Committee, James Coltrain, Fall, 2018

Member, Merit Review/Advisory Committee, Spring, 2018, Spring, 2019

Chair, Native American History Search Committee, 2015-2016

Member, Department Chair Search Advisory Committee, 2015-1016

Vice Chair, Department, 2013-2016

Chair, North American West Search Committee, 2011-2012

Member, Advisory Committee, 2009-2011

Member, Digital History Search Committee, 2003-2004

Chair, North American West Search Committee, 2003-2004

Member, Advisory Committee, Spring 2002

Chair, Resources Committee, 1997 -1999

Member Resources Committee, 1999-2001

Department Undergraduate Adviser, 1993-1997

Chair, Undergraduate Committee, 1993-1997

### College of Arts and Sciences:

Member, Advisory Committee for the Graduate Certificate in Digital Humanities, 2013-2016

Member, Nineteenth Century Studies Steering Committee, 2005-2012

Member, Center for Great Plains Studies Planning Committee, 2008-2011

Member, Center for Great Plains Studies Symposium Planning Committee, 2010-2011

College of Arts and Sciences, Curriculum Committee, 1998-2001

Chair, Curriculum Committee, 2000-2001

19th Centuries Studies, Member, 2000-

Fellow, UNL Humanities Center, 2000-2002

College of Arts and Sciences Committee on Academic Distinction and Awards for Students, Fall 1996

### University:

Project Administrator, Plains Humanities Alliance, 2007-2011

Director, Plains Humanities Alliance, 2003- 2005; 2006-2007

Academic Senate, Research Council, Member, 1998-2001, Interim Chair, Fall, 1999

Phi Beta Kappa, Alpha Nebraska Chapter, President, 2000-2001; Vice President, 1998-2000, 2001-2002

Academic Senate, Senator, 1997-1999

Ad Hoc Faculty Committee on Study Abroad, 1994-1996; Chair, 1995-1996

## LANGUAGES:

German, read and speak at basic level; French, read