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EDUCATION

Ph.D. History, University of Kansas, 2017

Dissertation Title: "Weathering Extremes: Climate, Colonialism, and Indigenous Resistance in the Dutch Atlantic"

M.A. History, Honors, University of Kansas, 2013

B.A. History, Calvin College, 2007

HONORS AND AWARDS

Teaching Excellence for Affiliated and Adjunct Faculty Award, Calvin University, 2023

John Van Engen History for Faculty Development, Calvin University, 2021-2022

George L. Anderson Award for Outstanding Doctoral Dissertation, University of Kansas, Spring 2017

Quinn-Archives Research Residency Fellow, New York State Archives, Spring 2017 (\$2,500)

University of Kansas Robert Oppenheimer Research Award, Summer 2015 (\$2,000)

Fulbright U.S. Student Program – the Netherlands, Amsterdam Center for the Study of the Dutch Golden Age, 2014-2015 (€9,450)

American Association for Netherlandic Studies Research Scholarship, 2014-2015 (\$2,000)

Foreign Language & Area Studies Fellowship - Portuguese, 2014-2015 (\$15,000 - declined)

University of Kansas Pre-Dissertation Graduate Student Research Award, Summer 2013 (\$1,500)

University of Kansas Donald R. McCoy Research Award, Summer 2012 (\$1,500)

University of Kansas Stansifer Graduate Travel Award, Summer 2012 (\$1,500)

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

Affiliate Professor, Calvin University, 2022-present

Adjunct Professor, Calvin University, 2015-2022

Graduate Research Assistant, University of Kansas, 2013-2014

Assistant Instructor, University of Kansas, 2012-2013

Graduate Teaching Assistant, University of Kansas, 2010-2012

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

"The Shifting Meaning of Geography: European and Indigenous Contests for Curaçao," Ethnohistory Conference, Winnipeg, Canada, October 2017

"Negotiating Extreme Weather in Maranhão, Brazil, 1641-1644," World History Association annual conference, Boston, Massachusetts, June 2017

"Climate Refugees or Indigenous Allies?: Dutch-Tapuya Relations in Brazil, 1641-1645," American Society for Environmental History annual conference, Chicago, Illinois, March 2017

"Climate of the Wappinger War: Extreme Weather and Violence in New Netherland," Omohundro Institute of Early American History and Culture annual conference, Worcester, Massachusetts, June 2016

"Mercurial Relations: Extreme Weather and Indigenous Resistance in the Dutch Atlantic, 1637-1645," The Forum on European Expansion and Global Interaction (FEEGI) biennial conference, University of California, Irvine, February 2016

- "Climate of the Wappinger War: How extreme weather sparked indigenous revolt in New Netherland, 1641-1645," Ethnohistory Conference, Las Vegas, Nevada, November 2015
- "Mercurial Relations: Climate Change and Indigenous Resistance on Dutch Curaçao, 1642-1645," World Congress on Environmental History, Guimarães, Portugal, July 2014
- "Dutch Environmental Aesthetics in the New World, 1609-1674," Historians of Netherlandic Art/American Association for Netherlandic Studies International Interdisciplinary Conference, Boston, Massachusetts, June 2014

INVITED TALKS

- "Weathering Extremes in the Dutch Atlantic: Droughts, Deluges, & Indigenous Resistance," Nature & Culture Seminar, University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas, March 2017
- A Matter of Approach: The Making of New Netherland's History, Faculty Seminar, Calvin College, Grand Rapids, Michigan, October 2015
- The Dutch West India Company and the American Education System, 2-Part Invited Lecture, *Da Vinci College*, Purmerend, the Netherlands, March 2015 & May 2015
- Water, Migration, and Trade: Major Themes in the History of New Netherland, Face to Face Invited Lecture, Universiteit van Utrecht, Utrecht, the Netherlands, January 2015
- The Dutch West India Company and the American Education System, 2-Part Invited Lecture, *Jacob-Roelandslyceum*, Boxtel, the Netherlands, November 2014
- Emerging Scholars Roundtable, Invited Participant, New Netherland Institute, Albany, New York, September 2014
- The Dutch Golden Age & World Trade Supremacy, Invited Lecture, HIST 331: Atlantic World History, University of Kansas, March 2013

PUBLICATIONS

Refereed

- "'Ye Be Corn Thieves': Climate and Conflict in the Wappinger War," *Journal of Early American History* (tbd)

Non-Refereed

- Translation to Introduction: Judith Brouwer, *Levenstekens: Gekaapte brieven uit het Rampjaar 1672. (Signs of Life: Capture Letters from the Disaster Year 1672)*, Hilversum: Verloren, 2013

Book Reviews

- Review of Wim Klooster, *The Dutch Moment: War, Trade, and Settlement in the Seventeenth-Century Atlantic World*, in *Origins: Historical Magazine of the Heritage Hall Archives* (tbd)
- Review of Lynne Heasley, *The Accidental Reef and Other Ecological Odysseys in the Great Lakes*, in *Michigan Historical Review* (tbd)
- Review of Dagomar DeGroot, *The Frigid Golden Age: Climate Change, the Little Ice Age, and the Dutch Republic, 1560-1720*, H-Net Environment Roundtable (December 2018)
- Review of Philip MacDougall, *Naval Resistance to Britain's Growing Power in India, 1660-1800: The Saffron Banner and the Tiger of Mysore*, H-Net War (July 2015)

CERTIFICATIONS AND WORKSHOPS

- Paleoclimate-Palynology Workshop for Pre-Modernists, Princeton University, 2016
- Paleoclimate-Dendroclimatology Workshop for Pre-Modernists, Princeton University, 2015

Netherlands Archival Research Certification, University of Amsterdam, 2013
Dutch Paleography Certification, University of Columbia, 2012 & 2013

SERVICE

Climate History Network

Quarterly Newsletter Editor, 2015 – present

Netherlands Archival Research Workshop

Co-organizer, 2015

Workshop for History, Environment, Agriculture, Technology, and Science

Conference Co-organizer, 2013-2014

Competitive graduate workshop organized by graduate students for graduate students

KU History Department Development Committee

Graduate Student Representative, 2013-2014

KU History Graduate Student Organization

Vice President, 2012-2013

Treasurer, 2011-2012

Advisor to Graduate Student Advisory Board, 2011-2013

Web Master, 2011-2014

National History Day Judge, Missouri Regionals, 2012

KU-MU Annual Graduate History Conference, 2011

Conference Judge for Best Graduate Paper

AmeriCorps VISTA, Blandford Nature Center, Grand Rapids, MI, 2008-2010

American Model United Nations Research Staff, 2007-2009

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Society for Environmental History, 2010-present

Omohundro Institute of Early American History and Culture, 2010-present

American Society for Ethnohistory, 2010-present

American Association for Netherlandic Studies, 2013-present