

Curriculum Vitae

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Education/Professional Qualifications:

D.Phil. – University of Oxford, 1986
B.A. (Honours) – University of Calgary, 1971

Experience:

University of Calgary, Head, History Department, July 2006 - 2011
University of Calgary, Professor, July 1998
University of Calgary, Associate Professor, July 1996
University of Calgary, Assistant Professor, July 1988
University of Calgary, Sessional Instructor, July 1986
Mount Royal College, Sessional Instructor, October 1985 – June 1986

Courses Taught at the University of Calgary

History 201 – Medieval Europe
 Modern Europe
History 200 – Events and Ideas that Shook the World
History 338 – Modern Britain
History 336 – Feudal and Early Modern Britain
History 357 – History of the Canadian
History 377 – The Historian's Craft
History 498 – Historiography and the Philosophy of History
History 517 – Modern Britain
History 633 – Modern Europe

Outreach

While Head of the History Department I have helped to host, organize and man the annual International Bachelariate conference at the University of Calgary. This year we are turning it into a two-day event for the first time and I have arranged to have History scholars from our department lecture to the students on particular subjects and mentor them on the historian's craft.

Over the years I have also spoken at high schools in the city of Calgary and have held ad hoc events such as lectures to aspiring potential students. The last one was in the meeting room in the History Department on November 7, 2010.

I have spoken at numerous public events including the Old Time Range Men's Annual Dinner, the Union Church and the Big Rock Brewery Lecture Series and been interviewed countless times for radio, television and the newspapers.

I am a supporter and member of the Southern Alberta Land Trust Society, which is working to preserve the environment on the eastern slopes of the Alberta Rockies. In part because of my extensive writing on the subject of frontier cattle ranching in Western Canada I was invited to, and did, join a group of ranchers and SALTS members in the summer of 2009 on a two day-trail ride through the southern foothills to promote public awareness of this pristine, beautiful and invaluable land. Then Minister of the Environment, Jim Prentice, rode with us. The event and its objectives were later publicized in a special program hosted by Dave Rutherford on 770 radio.

Student Supervision and Training over last several years:

I am currently supervising one PhD. student, Pankhuri Sinha, in modern British History and two MA students, Rachel Herbert, in western Canadian ranching history and John Nash in modern Britain. I am also co-supervising Paul Ramsay in modern Britain and am on the examination committee as the supervisor for PhD student Doris Jean MacKinnon's minor in modern Britain. In 2003 I supervised one MA student, William Lockley to completion; 2008 I supervised one MA student, David Zylberberg, to completion; 2011 I supervised one MA student, Rachel Herbert to completion and in 2010 one honours student, Christopher Kalantzis, to completion.

During the course of my last research project for the book Somebody Else's Money I hired two graduate students to help me with my research. Both Rachel Herbert and David Zylberberg found crucial materials for me while searching western Canadian newspapers. With my help Zylberberg also enabled the members of local ranching family to piece together the history of their operation to the east of Calgary. In that process he gained a great deal of familiarity with personal manuscript source materials. Both Zylberberg and Herbert will profit from their experience. Zylberberg is currently attending PhD studies at York and Herbert is intending to move on doctoral studies when her MA is complete. In 2004 I acknowledged the assistance of an undergraduate student, Anthony Thomas Worman, in compiling the information base for a chapter on early western culture in Frontier Cattle Ranching in the Land and Times of Charlie Russell. I have currently also employed Adam Lajeunesse to read newspapers, microfilmed manuscripts and some secondary sources for my current SSHRC funded project on the Northern Australian ranching frontier.

Over the years I have served on a great number of graduate examination committees and I have helped a number of our graduate students with their first publication. The two pieces I wrote with John Feldberg are earlier examples of the latter. In 2000 I co-authored a chapter in Cowboys, Gentlemen and Cattle Thieves with MA student, Joel Bulger. In 2007 I mentored a former student, Meredith Stephure, in the process of publishing an historical novel entitled Civil Blood, Toronto: McArthur and Company, 2007. This work is a most compelling and culturally accurate rendition of the Bloodless Revolution.

Select Service at the University of Calgary:

Department:

Head, History Department, 2007 – present

Chair, Graduate Studies Committee, 2005 – 2005

Chair, Undergraduate Studies Committee, 2003 – 2005

Time Tabling Committee

Head Appointment Committee

Search Committee for joint appointment with Medicine of a Historian of Medicine

Search Committee for appointment in British History

Chair, Unit Review Committee

Policy and Planning Committee

Library Committee

Colluquium Committee

Faculty/University:

Dean's Advisory Committee

Faculty Promotions Committee

Faculty of Graduate Studies Negotiating Committee

Academic Review and Programs Committee

Vice Dean Selection Committee

Special Committee to review provincial high school mathematics program

Faculty Council

Board Member, Centre for Military and Strategic Studies

Committee to Advise and Review CMSS Directorship

Staff Affairs Committee

Department Representative, TUCFA

Executive Council

Awards:

SSHRC Standard Research Grant, 1987 – 1990, The Rockingham Connection and the Second Founding of the Whig Party, 1768 – 1773, Montreal and Kingston: McGill – Queen's University Press, 1996

SSHRC Standard Research Grant, 1988 – 1991, The Writings and Speeches of Edmund

Burke; Party, Politics and the American War, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1996

Aid to Scholarly Publications Grant, 2000 for Cowboys, Gentlemen and Cattle Thieves; Ranching on the Western Frontier, Montreal and Kingston: McGill – Queen’s University Press 2000

SSHRC Standard Research Grant, 2000 – 2003, Frontier Cattle Ranching in the Land and Times of Charlie Russell, Montreal and Kingston: McGill – Queen’s University Press, Seattle: University of Washington Press, 2004

Aid to Scholarly Publications Grant, 2004, for Frontier Cattle Ranching

SSHRC Standard Research Grant, 2005 – 2008, Other People’s Money; the Walrond Ranch Story, 1883 – 1907, Calgary: University of Calgary Press, 2009

Aid to Scholarly Publications Grant, 2009, for Other People’s Money

SSHRC Standard Research Grant, 2009 – 2012, project entitled “Comparing Cattle Ranching Frontiers; the Northern Great Plains and Australia”

Fellow of the Royal Historical Society, 2000

Nominated for the Governor Generals Award in the Category of Non-Fiction, 2000

Nominated for the Western Writers of America Spur Award, 2005

Nominated three times for Undergraduate Teaching Award

Scholarly Publications:

Books:

Somebody Else’s Money; the Walrond Ranch Story, 1883 – 1907, Calgary: University of Calgary Press, 2009.

Frontier Cattle Ranching in the Land and Times of Charlie Russell, Montreal and Kingston: McGill-Queen’s University Press, Seattle: University of Washington Press, 2004.

Cowboys, Gentlemen and Cattle Thieves; Ranching on the Western Frontier, Montreal and Kingston: McGill-Queen’s University Press, 2000.

Ed. The Writings and Speeches of Edmund Burke; Party, Politics and the American Revolution, vol. iii, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1996

The Rockingham Connection and the Second Founding of the Whig Party, Montreal and Kingston: McGill – Queen’s University Press, 1996

Ed. The Sarcee Elders, Calgary: Consolidated Communications, 1990

Articles in refereed journals and books:

Co-author with Betty Lou Elofson, "Improving Native Education in the Province of Alberta," Canadian Journal of Native Education, 15:1 (1988), 31 – 38.

"The Rockingham Whigs and the Country Tradition," Parliamentary History, 8:1 (1989)90 – 115.

"The Rockingham Whigs in Transition; the East India Company Issue, 1772 – 73," English Historical Review, 104:413, (1989), 947 – 74.

"Adapting to the Frontier Environment, the Western Canadian Ranching Community, 1880 – 1914," Canadian Papers in Rural History, 8, (1992), 307 – 27.

"Adapting to the Frontier Environment: Mixed and Dryland Farming near Pincher Creek, 1895 – 1914," Prairie Forum, 19:1, (1993), 31 – 50.

"Not Just a Cowboy: The Practice of Ranching in Southern Alberta," 1881 – 1914," Canadian Papers in Rural History, 10 (1996), 205 – 16.

Co-author with John Feldberg, "Financing the Palliser Triangle, 1908 – 13," Great Plains Quarterly, 42:3 (1999), 67 – 79.

"The Untamed Western Canadian Ranching Frontier, 1874 – 1914," Cowboys, Ranchers and the Cattle Business: Cross Border Perspectives on Ranching History, Calgary: University of Calgary Press, 1999, 81 – 99.

"Law and Order on Two North American Ranching Frontiers," Journal of the West, 42:1, 47 – 67.

"An Exceedingly Dickey Business; Frontier Horse Ranching on the Northern Great Plains," Agricultural History, 79:4 (fall 2005), 462 – 77; "Figures Don't Lie: Reinventing the Walrond Rancho, 1897 – 98," Prairie Forum, 32:1 (spring 2007), 67 – 86; "Other Peoples' Money; Patrick Burns and the Beef Plutocracy, 1890 – 1914," Prairie Forum, 32:2 (summer 2007), 235 – 50; "Grasslands Management in Southern Alberta, the Frontier Legacy," Agricultural History, 36:3, 2012.

"Patrick Burns," Dictionary of Canadian Biography, 5,000 words.

Other refereed contributions:

"William Roper Hull, Dictionary of Canadian Biography, vol. 26, 2500 words.

"Michael Clark, Dictionary of Canadian Biography, vol. 26, 500 words.

"Rodeos," Oxford Companion to Canadian History, 2004, p. 547.

"Gymkhanas," Oxford Companion to Canadian History, 2004, p. 274.

"Cowboys," Oxford Companion to Canadian History, 2004, 162.

"Ranching on the Western Frontier," paper presented at the CHA conference in Toronto in June, 2002

Non-refereed contributions:

Book and other reviews over the last several years:

Margaret E. Derry, Horses in Society; A Story of Animal Breeding and Marketing Culture, 1800 – 1920, in Business Review, vol. 81, 371.

Michael J. Zachary, Black Earth and Ivory Tower: North American Essays from Farm and Classroom, in Agricultural History, 82:1, (winter, 2008), 127 – 28.

Hazel Moffat, Your Affectionate Brother, Francis Ogleby Thompson: A Yorkshire Emigrant's Letters from Canada and the USA, 1857 – 1864, in Agricultural History, 80:2, (spring, 2006), 260 – 62.

Simon Evans, The Bar U and Canadian Ranching History, in Canadian Historical Review, 86:4, (December 2006), 727 – 29.

Bill Waiser, Saskatchewan a History, in American Historical Review, 112:1, (February, 2007), 180.

C.I. McGrath, The Making of the Eighteenth-Century Irish Constitution: Government, Parliament and the Revenue, 1692 – 1714, in Canadian Journal of History, August, 2002, 354 – 56.

Book manuscript: Andrew Graybill, "Instruments of Incorporation; Ranges, Mounties, and the North American Frontier," for Yale University Press, 2003.

Article manuscripts, "The Cowboy Says its Salty: Communication as the Code of the West," for Symbolic Interaction, 2007

"Strategic Planning and Success; Land Companies and Nineteenth Century Canadian Settlement," Harvard Business Review

SSHRC proposal: James Murphy, "Empire Grown: Land, Agriculture and the British Colonial System," January 2007.

Book manuscript: John Jennings, "Owen Wister's Virginian: Everett Johnson and the Canadian-American Ranching Frontier," for University of Calgary Press, 2011

Forthcoming contributions:

Refereed articles:

"The Universality of Frontier Disorder," Agricultural History, 37, 2014 (accepted for publication).

Books:

So Far and Yet so Close; Frontier Cattle Ranching in Prairie Western Canada and the Northern Territory of Australia, submitted to University of Calgary Press.

Select Other Research Contributions:

"Edmund Burke and the French Revolution," presented at the Symposium on the French Revolution, University of Calgary, May 1989.

"Adapting to the Frontier Environment: the Western Canadian Ranching Community, 1880 – 1914," at the Canadian Historical Association Conference, Laval University, June 1989.

"The Rockingham Whigs and India," at the Carolina's Symposium on British Studies, September 1989

Chaired a one day session of the John Stuart Mill Conference at the University of Calgary, June 1990

“The Myth of Ranching in Southern Alberta, 1881 – 1914,” at the CHA Conference in Calgary June 1994.

“Labour on Ranches and Farms in the Foothills of Alberta, 1881 – 1914,” at the AHA Conference in Chicago, January 1995

“The Canadian Cowboy: Image and Reality,” at the Glenbow Museum Symposium on the Cowboy, 27 September 1997

“Law and Disorder on the northern Great Plains,” at the Conference on Legal History in Honour of Louis Kanfla, September 1999.

Book launch at the Western Heritage Centre in Cochrane on 4 and 5 November for

Cowboys, Gentlemen and Cattle Thieves

“Cowboy Images in Western Canada,” invited lecture, Big Rock University Series, Calgary, February, 2004.

“Law and Disorder in the Canadian West,” invited lecture to the annual Old Time Range Men’s Dinner, in Calgary, 10 July 2008.

“The Walrond Ranch Story,” Chinook Chapter of the Historical Society of Alberta, Fort Calgary, October 2009.

“Saving the Grasslands on the Northern Great Plains,” presentation at the Under Western Skies conference Mount Royal University, 15 October 2010.

"The Wild Canadian West," Presented to Medical Symposium at the University of Calgary, Spring, 2010

"Grasslands Management on the Northern Great Plains," Directions West Conference, University of Calgary, Summer 2012.

Invited interviewee, radio, television and newspapers countless times regarding the early Western Canadian Ranching Society.