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Education

Ph.D. University of Oklahoma, History, 2023
M.A. University of Oklahoma, History, 2018
B.A. University of North Carolina at Wilmington, History, 2016

Professional Appointments

2025 – Assistant Professor of History, Sul Ross State University, Alpine, TX
2023-25 Mellon Postdoctoral Fellow in Native American and Indigenous Studies, Center for the Futures of Native Peoples, Dickinson College, Carlisle, PA.
2023-24 Expert Consultant, Greetham Law P.L.L.C., Oklahoma City, OK.
2022-23 Adjunct Professor of Interdisciplinary Studies, Elizabeth City State University, Elizabeth City, NC.
2021-22 Instructor, University of Oklahoma, Norman, OK.

Publications

Manuscripts

Indian Territory's Legacy: Indigenous-Settler Partnerships and Persistence in Oklahoma, 1875-2020 (under contract with University of Nebraska Press).

Refereed Journal Articles

2022 "Settler Colonialism and Oklahoma History" *The Chronicles of Oklahoma* 99/2 (Summer 2022): 164-181.
2020 "'You're in apple land but you are a lemon:' Connection, Collaboration and Division in Early '70s Indian Country" *Online Journal of Rural Research and Policy* 15/3 (July 2020): 1-30.
2019 "Where Cowboys and Indians Meet: A Southern Cheyenne Web of Kinship and the Transnational Cattle Industry, 1877-1885" *Western Historical Quarterly* 50/4 (Winter 2019), 363-90.
2018 "Reexamining Dick Wilson: Oglala Politics, Nation Building, and Local Conflict, 1972-1976" *South Dakota History* 48/3 (Fall 2018), 173-99.
2018 "The Evans and Clark Families: Borderlands Legacies in Western Oklahoma, 1875-1950" *The Chronicles of Oklahoma* 96/2 (Summer 2018): 178-201.

Publications Designed for Community Access

- 2026 “Indigenous Peoples in West Texas, 1865-1880” in *The Texas Yawp: A Massively Collaborative, Open History of the Lone Star State* (Stanford University Press, forthcoming).
- 2025 Amanda Cheromiah, “The Reading List with Dr. John Truden” *The Indigenous Revolt: Carlisle, PA & Beyond*, May 1, 2025.
- 2024 “Catherine Greiffenstein’s Burnett” *The Chronicles of Oklahoma* 102/4 (Winter 2024-2025): 440-447.
- 2024 “New Boarding and Residential School Collection Open to TCUs” *Tribal College: The Journal of American Indian Higher Education* 36/1 (Fall 2024): 19.
- 2023 “A US Army Officer’s Report on a Forgotten Experiment at Fort Sill” *The Chronicles of Oklahoma* 100/2 (Summer 2023): 210-219.
- 2023 “The American Indian Steamship Company: Fraud during the Reign of Terror” *Osage News* (Pawhuska, OK), February 2023.
- 2021 “The Absentee Shawnees and the True Story of Lake Thunderbird” *Oklahoma Humanities* (Fall-Winter 2021): 12-16.
- 2020 “The American Indian Movement in Oklahoma.” *Metro Library Podcast*, August 2020.
- 2017 “Mennonite Missionary S.S. Haury’s Account of the Running Buffalo Shooting, 1884” with Levi Wilkins, *The Chronicles of Oklahoma* 95/4 (Winter 2017-18), 472-79.

Selected Book Reviews

- 2024 *Resisting Oklahoma's Reign of Terror: The Society of Oklahoma Indians and the Fight for Native Rights* by Joshua Clough, *The Chronicles of Oklahoma* (forthcoming)
- 2021 *Voice of the Tribes: A History of the National Tribal Chairmen's Association* by Thomas A. Britten, *Journal of Colonialism and Colonial History* 22/1 (Spring 2021).
- 2019 *Ned Christie: The Creation of an Outlaw and Cherokee Hero* by Devon Mihesuah, *Western Historical Quarterly* 50/2 (Summer 2019), 189-90.

Teaching Experience

Sul Ross State University

Civil War and Reconstruction	Fall 2025
US History to 1877	Fall 2025
US History to 1877 (synchronous online)	Fall 2025

Dickinson College

Federal Indian Law and Policy	Spring 2025
Settler Colonialism in Comparative Perspective	Fall 2024
Native Americans and Film	Summer 2024
Introduction to Native American and Indigenous Studies	Spring 2024
Indigenous Communities and Federal Boarding Schools in the United States	Fall 2023

Elizabeth City State University

US History to 1877 (asynchronous online)	Spring 2023
Conflict, Reconstruction and Imperialism (asynchronous online)	Spring 2023
US History since 1877 (asynchronous online)	Fall 2022
Introduction to Global Studies (asynchronous online)	Fall 2022

University of Oklahoma

US History from 1865 (synchronous online)	Summer 2022
US History from 1865 (asynchronous online)	Summer 2022
US History from 1865 (asynchronous online)	Summer 2021
US History from 1865 (synchronous online)	Summer 2021

Service

Collaboration with Indigenous Communities

2024	Organizer, Boarding and Residential School Reference Collection, CFNP Lending Library, Center for the Futures of Native Peoples, Dickinson College.
2024-25	CFNP Liaison to Native American Law Student Association (Penn State Dickinson Law), Carlisle, PA.
2023	Coordinator, Federal Indian Boarding School Bibliography Project, Center for the Futures of Native Peoples, Dickinson College.
2023-25	Librarian, CFNP Lending Library, Center for the Futures of Native Peoples, Dickinson College.
2023-24	Expert Consultant, Chickasaw Nation (via Greetham Law P.L.L.C.)
2022-23	Consultant, Seminole Nation Historic Preservation Office, Seminole, OK.
2020	Researcher, Seminole Treaty People, Seminole, OK.
2019	Research Intern, Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, Shawnee, OK.
2019	Researcher, Oglala Lakota College Archives and Tribal Repository, Oglala Lakota College, Kyle, SD.

Academic Service

2025	Organizer, "Structures and Relationships: New Vantage Points in Oklahoma History" Western History Conference, Albuquerque, NM.
2025	Organizer, "New Indigenous Voices: Ailton Krenak, H.E. Edgmon, and <i>Reservation Dogs</i> " Native Voices: Carlisle & Beyond, Carlisle, PA.
2024-25	Member, Editorial Advisory Board, <i>The Chronicles of Oklahoma</i> .

Awards, Fellowships and Grants

2024	Research and Development Grant, R&D Committee, Dickinson College.
2024	Publication and Dissertation Costs Grant, R&D Committee, -----.
2024	Research and Development Grant, R&D Committee, -----.
2024	Travel to Present Award, R&D Committee, -----.
2024	Civic Engagement Fund Grant, Center for Civic Learning and Action, -----.

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2023	Civic Engagement Fund Grant, Center for Civic Learning and Action, -----.
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2022	Nancy L. Mergler Dissertation Completion Fellowship, University of Oklahoma.
2022	E.E. Dale/A.M. Gibson Scholarship in Western American History, -----.
2021	Thomas J. Gould Prize, <i>Online Journal of Rural Research and Policy</i> , Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS.
2020	National Society of Colonial Dames Award, University of Oklahoma.
2019	Jo Stewart Randel Grant, Center for the Study of the American West, West Texas A&M University, Canyon, TX.
2019	Mantooth-Estep Scholarship in Oklahoma History, University of Oklahoma.
2018	National Society of Colonial Dames Award, -----.
2017	Gordon Morris Bakken Scholarship in Western History, Phi Alpha Theta National History Honor Society.
2016-2018	Merrick Foundation Fellow in Western History, University of Oklahoma.
2016	Thomas Mosely Award: Most Promise for the Future in US History, Department of History, University of North Carolina at Wilmington.

Presentations

2025	“Weaponizing Indigeneity: Charles Carter and White Voters in Southeastern Oklahoma, 1907-1927” In Patricia Loughlin, Chair, “Structures and Relationships: New Vantage Points in Oklahoma History” Western History Conference, Albuquerque, NM.
2025	“ <i>Reservation Dogs</i> ” In “New Indigenous Voices: Ailton Krenak, H.E. Edgmon, and <i>Reservation Dogs</i> ” Native Voices: Carlisle & Beyond, Carlisle, PA.
2024	“Native Americans and Film” Cleve J. Fredricksen Library, Camp Hill, PA.
2024	“The Anti-Indian Movement: White Grievance, Political Conservatism, and Treaty Rights in the 1970s United States” Gettysburg College, Gettysburg, PA.
2024	“Bound in Blood and Timber: The Alabama-Coushatta Tribe and the State of Texas during Jim Crow, 1928-1965” In José Alamillo, Chair, “South by Southwest: Rethinking Borderlands Spaces in Texas” Western History Conference, Kansas City, MO.
2024	“Thinking and Teaching Indigenous Ways of Knowing from a Non-Native Perspective in a Non-Native Context,” Indigenous Think Tank, Dickinson College.
2024	“Indigenous Pennsylvania,” Indigenous Think Tank, -----.
2024	Alumni Weekend Seminar: “Carlisle Indian Industrial School, Dickinson College, and Institutional Responsibility, -----.
2024	“Reform, Revolution, Backlash: A New History of Native America, 1971-1981” Central Pennsylvania Native American and Indigenous Studies Symposium, Carlisle, PA.
2022	“The Native American Culture Group: Organizing at a Federal Prison in 1970s Oklahoma” Oklahoma History Symposium, Oklahoma City, OK.

2021	“Endurance Strategies: Indigenous People in Central Oklahoma during the ‘Orgy of Exploitation’” Oklahoma History Conference, Oklahoma City, OK.
2019	“Indigenous Controlled Schools in Oklahoma and Saskatchewan” In David Chang, Chair, “Exception or the Rule? Locating Indian Territory within U.S. History (1803-present)” Western History Conference, Las Vegas, NV.
2019	“Tribal Colleges: Opportunities for Teaching, Learning and Innovation with Indigenous Nations,” with Marcus Macktima, History Research Workshop, Department of History, University of Oklahoma, Norman, OK.
2018	“A Communication Explosion:” Media, Activism, and Representation in Indian Country, 1969-1973, -----.
2018	“There is never to be any more Kiowa Indians arrested:” White Bear, Mass Incarceration, and Forced Labor at Fort Sill, 1868-1875, Midwestern Labor and Working-Class History Colloquium, Iowa City, IA.
2017	“Where Cowboys and Indians Meet: Relationships and Resources in an Environmental Borderland, 1877-1885” American Society for Ethnohistory Conference, Winnipeg, MB.
2016	“Oglala Lakota Tribal Chair Dick Wilson and the Threat of Termination, 1973-1976,” North Carolina Association of Historians Conference, Greensboro, NC.

Professional Affiliations

2016	Western History Association
2016	Oklahoma Historical Society
2014	Phi Alpha Theta National History Honor Society

Professional Development

2025	Student Pedagogical Partner Program, Center for Teaching, Learning and Scholarship, Dickinson College.
2024	Mellon Faculty Writing Group, Dickinson College.
2024	Dana Research Assistant Program, Research and Development Committee, Dickinson College.
2024	Quantitative Research Associate Program, Quantitative Research Center, Dickinson College.
2024	Summer 2024 Indigenous Think Tank, Center for the Futures of Native Peoples, Dickinson College.
2024	Collaborative Student-Faculty Research Program, Dickinson College.
2024	Dialogues Across Differences Faculty Learning Community, Center for Teaching, Learning and Scholarship, Dickinson College.
2024	Student Pedagogical Partner Program, -----.
2023-24	Indigenous Consortium Faculty Discussion Group, Center for the Futures of Native Peoples, Dickinson College
2020	Digital Summer Institute, Newberry Consortium in American Indian Studies D'Arcy McNickle Center for American Indian and Indigenous Studies, Newberry Library, Chicago, IL.