

Curriculum Vitae

Dr. Stephen R. Hausmann

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Education

PhD in history, Temple University, 2019

Doctoral dissertation: "Inventing Indian Country: Race, Environment, and the Black Hills, 1851 to 1981," Andrew C. Isenberg, primary advisor

MA in history, University of Vermont, 2011

Master's thesis: "Private Interest in a Public Age: Virtue, Enterprise, and the Turnpike Boom in Early Republic Vermont," Jacqueline Carr, primary advisor

BA (with honors) English and history, University of Vermont, 2009

Faculty Positions

Assistant Professor, Appalachian State University, 2024 – present

Assistant Professor (Limited-Term), University of St. Thomas, 2019-2024

Adjunct Instructor, La Roche University, 2019

Visiting Instructor, University of Pittsburgh, 2017-2019

Graduate Instructor, Temple University, 2015-2017

Non-Faculty Positions

Mellon Humanities-National Park Service Postdoctoral Fellow, Mount Rushmore National Memorial, 2024-2025

Acting Executive Director, American Society for Environmental History, 2024

Assistant Director, American Society for Environmental History, 2023-2024

Book Manuscript

Indian Country: An Environmental History of the Black Hills (tentative title)

Manuscript in preparation under contract with University of Nebraska Press

Peer-Reviewed Articles and Book Chapters

"Marketing Eternity: Settler Colonialism and Environmental Change at Twentieth-Century Mount Rushmore"

Raw Capital: Building Ecosystems/Selling Natures (Hagley Perspectives in Business and Culture, University of Pennsylvania Press, (forthcoming 2026)

"The Midwest at the Center of Late Twentieth Century Environmentalism"

Middle West Review, vol. 11, no. 2, Spring 2025

"Erasing Indian Country: Urban Native Space and the 1972 Rapid City Flood,"

Western Historical Quarterly, vol. 52, no. 3, Autumn 2021

- Winner, 2022 Arrell M. Gibson Award for best article in Native American history, Western History Association

"'We Must Perform Experiments on Some Living Body': Antivivisection and American Medicine, 1850-1915,"

The Journal of the Gilded Age and Progressive Era, vol. 16, no. 3, July 2017

Reviews and Review Essays

Indian Cities: Histories of Indigenous Urbanization by Kent Blansett, Cathleen Cahill, and Andrew Needham (eds.)

South Dakota History, forthcoming

Black Snake: Standing Rock, the Dakota Access Pipeline, and Environmental Justice, by Katherine Wiltenburg Todrys

Great Plains Research, vol. 34, no. 1, Spring 2024

Crossroads of Change: The People and the Land of Pecos, by Cori Knudten and Maren Bzdek

New Mexico Historical Review, vol. 98, no. 1, Winter 2023

Ecology and Ethnogenesis: An Environmental History of the Wind River Shoshones, 1000-1868 by Adam R. Hodge

Ethnohistory, vol. 68, no. 1, January 2021

Lakota America: A New History of Indigenous Power by Pekka Hämäläinen

Annals of Iowa, vol. 79, no. 3, Summer 2020

Tombstone, Deadwood, and Dodge City: Re-Creating the American West, by Kevin Britz and Roger L. Nichols

Journal of the Gilded Age and Progressive Era, vol. 19, no. 2, April 2020

Reservation Politics: Historical Trauma, Economic Development, and Intertribal Conflict by Raymond I. Orr

Transmotion, vol. 4, no. 2, November 2018

"Telling Larger Stories: Five Additions to the National Park Service Official Handbook Series"

The Public Historian, vol. 38, no. 4, November 2016

Public/Non-Peer Reviewed Writing

"Putting Helene Recovery in Historical Perspective"

High Country Press, September 30, 2025

"The US Government Doesn't Want You Talking About Kinship – But You Should Anyway"

Network in Canadian History and Environment, September 19, 2025

"On Myths and Monuments: Mount Rushmore and Storytelling at America's National Parks"

Perspectives on History, July 9, 2025

"Indian Rights Association Papers, 1877-1994"

Collection overview essay, Gale Primary Sources, 2024

"A largely forgotten flood ignited the environmental justice movement"

"Made By History," *The Washington Post*, June 9, 2022

"The complicated legacy of the 1972 Rapid City Flood"

Rapid City Journal, June 8, 2022

Fellowships and Awards (External)

Mellon Humanities-National Park Service Postdoctoral Fellowship, 2024-2025

Mount Rushmore National Memorial, Keystone, SD

Applied History Mellon Summer Workshop Fellowship, 2023

Center for the American West, University of Colorado-Boulder, Boulder, CO

Arrell M. Gibson Award for best article in Native American history

Western History Association, 2022

Library Company of Philadelphia/Historical Society of Pennsylvania Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Fellowship, 2019

Library Company of Philadelphia and Historical Society of Pennsylvania,
Philadelphia, PA

Newberry Library/American Society for Environmental History Fellowship, 2019

Newberry Library, Chicago, IL

Consortium for History of Science, Technology, and Medicine Research Travel Fellowship, 2018

Newberry Library, Chicago, IL and Yale University, New Haven, CT

Linda Hall Library Travel Fellowship, 2017

Linda Hall Library, Kansas City, MO

Fellowships and Awards (Internal)

Dissertation Completion Grant Temple University, 2018

Shumpei Okamoto Fund Dissertation Travel Grant, Temple University, 2018

John Votaw Research Award, Center for Force and Diplomacy, Temple University, 2017

Baron Award for Outstanding Graduate Student Teaching, Temple University, 2016

Temple University Travel Award, 2016, 2017, 2018

Research Assistantship, Temple University, 2016

Research Assistantship, University of Vermont, 2009-2010

Phi Alpha Theta History Honors Society, inducted 2009

University of Vermont English Department Honors Award, 2009

Invited Lectures and Presentations

"Environmental history and the US National Parks" (moderator)

ASEH Connects online series, May 6, 2025

"History of the American West" (five-week invited lecture series)

University of St. Thomas Selim Center for Lifelong Learning, St. Paul, MN,

February 15-March 14, 2024

"Marketing Mountains: Mount Rushmore and the Commodification of the West" (invited conference, panel participant)

Building Ecosystems/Selling Natures: At the Edge of Environments and Economies, Center for the History of Business, Technology, and Society, Hagley Library, Wilmington, DE, October 28, 2022

"Twentieth Century US History" (three-week invited lecture series)

University of St. Thomas Selim Center for Lifelong Learning, St. Paul, MN, October 11-25, 2022

"The History of Native Rapid City and the 1972 Black Hills Flood," (invited lecture)

Talking Circle Speaker Series, Crazy Horse Memorial, Crazy Horse, SD, June 30, 2022

"Remembrance, Resilience, and Rebuilding: Lessons From 1972" (invited lecture)

Rapid City Flood 50th Anniversary Commemoration Event, Journey Museum, Rapid City, SD, June 8, 2022

"Carving Conquest: Constructing Narratives of the American West at Mount Rushmore" (invited lecture)

Faculty Colloquium, University of St. Thomas History Department, St. Paul, MN, April 21, 2022

"Indigenous People and Colonization in North American Grasslands"

(workshop participant)

University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS, April 15-16, 2021

"Contemporary Native American History Since 1890" (three-week invited lecture series)

University of St. Thomas Selim Center for Lifelong Learning, St. Paul, MN,

April 7-21, 2021

"Election De-Brief: What Happened and What's Next?" (panelist)

University of St. Thomas Office of Academic Affairs, St. Paul, MN,

November 4, 2020

"The Bewildering History of Western Wilderness" (invited lecture)

Raleigh Charter High School History Department Lecture Series, Raleigh, NC,

October 30, 2020

"The Prism of the West: Nicodemus, Kansas and the Epic of Westward Migrations"

(invited lecture)

University of Pittsburgh Department of Theater Arts, Pittsburgh, PA,

February 22, 2019

Conference Presentations

"(Mis)Remembering Places of Injustice"

2025 American Society for Environmental History Annual Conference,

Pittsburgh, PA, April 9-13, 2025

"Contingent Faculty and Higher Education: Crisis and Solutions" (principal organizer)

2024 Western History Association Annual Conference, Kansas City, MO,

October 23-26, 2024

"Doing Community Engaged History in the South and West" (principal organizer)

2024 Western History Association Annual Conference, Kansas City, MO,

October 23-26, 2024

"Staying With the Changes: Displacement, Disaster, and Transformed Landscapes in the United States" (chair)

2024 American Society for Environmental History Annual Conference,

Denver, CO, April 3-7, 2024

"Lightning Talks" (chair)

2024 American Society for Environmental History Annual Conference,

Denver, CO, April 3-7, 2024

"Environmentalism Without Justice: Popular Discontent with State Environmental Regulation in Argentina and the United States" (chair)

2024 American Society for Environmental History Annual Conference,

Denver, CO, April 3-7, 2024

"Roundtable: The Effect of Anti-CRT Legislation on History Education" (roundtable moderator, principal organizer)

2023 Western History Association Annual Conference, Los Angeles, CA,
October 26-29, 2023

"The Civil War Era and Historical Memory in the Late 19th and Early 20th Centuries" (chair)

2023 Northern Great Plains History Conference, Sioux Falls, SD,
September 27-30, 2023

"Black Hills History" (panelist)

2023 Northern Great Plains History Conference, Sioux Falls, SD
September 27-30, 2023

"Currents of Colonialism: A Roundtable Discussion on the Histories of Water and Dispossession in the West" (roundtable discussant, principal organizer)

2022 Western History Association Annual Conference, San Antonio, TX,
October 12-15, 2022

"Disaster, Recovery, and Capitalism in the Twentieth Century United States" (roundtable discussant, principal organizer)

2022 American Society of Environmental History Annual Conference, Eugene, OR,
March 23-27, 2022

"Unearasing Memory: Collaborative Research, Activism, Teaching, and Storytelling as Pathways for Indigenous Equity and Empowerment" (roundtable discussant)

2021 National Council on Public History Annual Meeting, held virtually,
March 8-27, 2021

"Something in the Water: Histories of Disturbance, Injustice, and Resilience" (panelist, principal organizer)

2020 Western History Association Annual Conference, held virtually,
October 13-18, 2020

"Still Indian Country: The Indigenous Northern Plains in the Twentieth Century" (panelist, principal organizer) – *cancelled due to COVID-19 pandemic*

2020 Organization of American Historians Annual Conference on American History, Washington, D.C., April 2-5, 2020

"Podcasting as Public History: Strengths and Limitations" (roundtable discussant) – *cancelled due to COVID-19 pandemic*

2020 National Council on Public History Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA,
March 18-21, 2020

"Alternate Currents: New Approaches to the Environmental History of Water" (panelist, principal organizer)

134th Annual Meeting of the American Historical Association, New York, NY,
January 3-6, 2020

"Assimilationist Education, Race, and American Indian Family in the Twentieth-Century United States" (panelist, principal organizer)

2019 Meeting of the American Society for Ethnohistory, State College, PA,
September 25-29, 2019

"Intersections of African and Indigenous Diasporas" (panelist)

2019 Meeting of the American Society for Ethnohistory, State College, PA,
September 25-29, 2019

"Material Traces and Sedimented Histories" (panelist)

2019 Cultural Studies Association Conference, New Orleans, LA,
May 30-June 1, 2019

"Water Haves/Have Nots: Stories of Historic Rights, Power Plays, and Water (In)justice" (panelist)

2019 American Society of Environmental History Annual Conference, Columbus, OH, April 10-13, 2019

"Reconsidering Race, Gender, and Power in the Mid-Nineteenth-Century Great Plains (panelist)

2018 Western History Association Annual Conference, San Antonio, TX,
October 18-20, 2018

"Edgy Urban Environmental History: The Ideological Built Environment," (panelist)

132nd Annual Meeting of the American Historical Association, Washington, D.C.,
January 4-7, 2018

"Cows, Pets, and Prairie Dogs, Oh My!: A Panel on Animals and the History of Science in the Twentieth Century," (panelist)

Twenty-First Annual James A. Barnes Graduate Student Conference,
Temple University, Philadelphia, PA, March 18-19, 2016

"Democratic Practice, Governance and Reform in Progressive Philadelphia," (panelist)

Conference on Citizenship Studies, Wayne State University, Detroit, MI,
March 12-14, 2015

"Confronting Modern Times in Vermont, 1900-1940: Inside the Vermont Commission on Country Life," (panelist)

New England Historical Association Annual Conference, University of New England, Biddeford, ME, October 16, 2010

Public History and Media Appearances

Podcast Host, "New Books in the American West," New Books Network, 2017-present
"The History of Indigenous People's Day," Minnesota Native News Network interview
October 15, 2021

Conducted oral histories in cooperation with South Dakota Oral History Center
University of South Dakota, Vermilion SD, 2021-2023

Consultant, "The Black Hills Flood 50th Anniversary" exhibit and commemoration event at
the Journey Museum
Rapid City SD, 2020-2022

Participant, University of St. Thomas SOLV Grant, "Cultivating an Educational and
Institutional Relationship Between Dakota Communities and the University of St. Thomas"
St. Paul MN, 2020-2022

Courses Taught

Preservation, Sustainability, and Climate Action (Appalachian State University)
History of America's National Parks (Appalachian State University)
American Environmental History (Appalachian State University)
Senior Capstone: American Frontiers (University of St. Thomas)
History of the American West (University of St. Thomas)
20th Century United States (University of St. Thomas)
Minnesota History (University of St. Thomas)
Environmental History (University of St. Thomas, Temple University)
History of Medicine and Health Care (University of St. Thomas, University of Pittsburgh)
Native American History (University of St. Thomas, University of Pittsburgh)
Contemporary Native American History, Since 1890 (University of St. Thomas)
Modern US History in Global Perspective, Since 1865 (University of St. Thomas)
Native American Politics (La Roche University)
Western Civilization I (University of Pittsburgh)
The Civil War (Temple University)
Founding Philadelphia (Temple University)
War and Peace (Temple University)
American Revolutions (Temple University)
Global Slavery (Temple University)

Professional, University, and Departmental Service

Manuscript referee:

Great Plains Quarterly; Social History of Medicine; Transatlantica; W.W. Norton

Program Committee, American Society for Environmental History 2026 Annual Conference in Kansas City, MO

2025 – present

Executive Council, American Society for Environmental History

2025 – present

Chair, Arrell M. Gibson Award Committee, Western History Association

2023 – present (chair since 2024)

Chair, Contingent Faculty Committee, Western History Association

2022 – present (chair since 2023)

ASEH Connects Planning Committee, American Society for Environmental History

2024 – 2025

Acting Executive Director, American Society for Environmental History

2024

Assistant Director, American Society for Environmental History

2023 – 2024

Chair and panelist, Summe Cum Laude Exam Committees, University of St. Thomas

2021 – 2024

Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, University of St. Thomas,

2020 – 2024

Conference Site Selection Committee, American Society for Environmental History

2022 – 2024

Subcommittee on Conference Formats, American Society for Environmental History

2022 – 2023

Subcommittee on Conference Equity, American Society for Environmental History

2022 – 2023

Committee on Committees, Organization of American Historians,

2021 – 2023

College of Arts and Sciences Curriculum Committee, University of St. Thomas

2022 (one semester substitute)

Early Americanist Job Candidate Search Committee, University of St. Thomas,

2021 – 2022

President, James A. Barnes Graduate Student Organization, Temple University,

2015 – 2016

Professional Memberships

American Historical Association

American Society for Environmental History

National Council on Public History

Organization of American Historians

Western History Association

Professional References

Andrew C. Isenberg

Hall Distinguished Professor of American History

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Patricia Nelson Limerick

Professor and Director of Applied History Initiative

University of Colorado-Boulder

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