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Curriculum Vitae

Arizona State University
School of Historical, Philosophical and Religious Studies
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Current Appointment:

Associate Professor of History, Arizona State University, August 2022–present

Past Positions:

Assistant Professor of Native American and Indigenous Studies, Dartmouth College, August 2017–August 2022

Distinguished Visiting Scholar, Arizona State University School of Historical, Philosophical and Religious Studies, Spring 2021 Semester

The Clements Fellow for the Study of Southwestern America, William P. Clements Center for Southwest Studies, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, TX, August 2016–June 2017

Historical Projects Specialist, Indian Pueblo Cultural Center, Albuquerque, NM, October 2015–May 2016

Associate Editor and Book Review Editor, *New Mexico Historical Review*, July 2011–July 2014

Education:

Ph.D., History, *with distinction*, University of New Mexico, December 2015
Dissertation Title: “Republicans, Citizens, and Wards: Indian Voting in New Mexico and Arizona, 1598–1912”

M.A., History, University of New Mexico, December 2007

B.A., History, Brigham Young University, August 2003

Research Interests:

Native American/Indigenous History, Borderlands, U.S. West/Southwest, Apaches, Yavapais, and Yuman-Speaking Peoples, Ethnohistory, Public History, United States

Tribal Affiliation:

Enrolled Citizen of the Yavapai-Apache Nation of Camp Verde, Arizona

Publications:**Books:**

These People Have Always Been a Republic: Indigenous Electorates in the U.S.-Mexico Borderlands, 1598–1912, University of North Carolina Press, David J. Weber Series in the New Borderlands History (November 2019)

Peer-Reviewed:

“Captive Cousins: Hoomothya, Wassaja, and a Lifetime of Unwellness,” *Western Historical Quarterly*, 54, no. 2 (Summer 2023), 117–136

“Little Brother to Dartmouth: Thetford Academy, Colonialism, and Dispossession in New England,” *The New England Quarterly*, 95, no. 1 (March 2022), 39–65

“Yava-Who?: Yavapai History and (Mis)Representation in Arizona’s Indigenous Landscape,” *Journal of Arizona History*, 61, no. 3&4 (Autumn/Winter 2020), Special Issue, “Exploring Arizona’s Diverse Past,” 487–510

“Carlos Montezuma and the Emergence of American Indian Activism,” *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of American History* (March 2018), approx. 13,000 words

Peer-Reviewed Book Chapters:

“Upland and River Yuman,” *Handbook of North American Indians, Volume 1*, Igor Krupnik, ed. (Washington, D.C.: Smithsonian Institution, 2022), 390–93

“When the City Comes to the Indian: Yavapai-Apache Exodus and Return to an Urban Indian Homelands, 1870s–1920s,” in *Indian Cities: Histories of Indigenous Urbanization* (Norman, University of Oklahoma Press, in Partnership with the Clements Center for Southwest Studies), 2022, 138–164

Other Publications:

“Introduction” and Guest Editor of “Indigenous Histories of Arizona,” special issue of *Journal of Arizona History*, 64, no. 2 (Summer 2023), 105–109

“Reflections on *The Social Organization of the Western Apache* and *Grenville Goodwin Among the Western Apache: Letters from the Field*, essay introduction for University of Arizona Press Open Arizona Series (April 2020), approx. 2,600 words

“Wassaja Comes Home: A Yavapai Perspective on Carlos Montezuma’s

Search for Identity,” *Journal of Arizona History*, 55, no. 1 (Spring 2014), 1–26

Review Essays:

“Apaches in Unexpected Places,” review essay of Paul Conrad, *The Apache Diaspora: Four Centuries of Displacement and Survival* (University of Pennsylvania Press, 2021) in *Reviews in American History*, 51, no. 4 (December 2023), 321–328

“Sovereign Impunity,” review essay of Alexandra Harmon, *Reclaiming the Reservation: Histories of Indian Sovereignty Suppressed and Renewed* (University of Washington Press, 2019), in *Reviews in American History*, 49, no. 1 (March 2021), 113–118

Book Reviews:

Malcolm Ebright and Rick Hendricks, *Pueblo Sovereignty: Indian Land and Water in New Mexico and Texas* (Norman: University of Oklahoma Press, 2019) in *New Mexico Historical Review*, 94, no. 4 (Fall 2019)

Jeffrey Schutze, *Are We Not Foreigners Here?: Indigenous Nationalism in the U.S.-Mexico Borderlands* (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2018) in *Pacific Historical Review*, 88, no. 2 (Spring 2019)

Richard H. Frost, *The Railroad and the Pueblo Indians: The Impact of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe on the Pueblos of the Rio Grande, 1880–1930* (Salt Lake City: University of Utah Press, 2016) in *New Mexico Historical Review*, 92, no. 1 (Winter 2017)

Katrina Jagodinsky, *Legal Codes and Talking Trees: Indigenous Women’s Sovereignty in the Sonoran and Puget Sound Borderlands* (New Haven: Yale University Press, 2016) in *Journal of Arizona History*, 58, no. 2 (Summer 2017)

Valerie Sherer Mathes, ed., *The Women’s National Indian Association: A History* (Albuquerque: University of New Mexico Press, 2015) in *Journal of Arizona History*, 57, no. 1 (Spring 2016)

Nicholas Rosenthal, *Reimagining Indian Country: Native American Migration and Identity in Twentieth-Century Los Angeles* (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2012) in *Montana: The Magazine of Western History*, 62, no. 1 (Spring 2013)

Op-Eds:

“Reading the Landscape and Its History from a Yavapai-Apache Perspective,” *Sedona Red Rock News*, March 6, 2024

“Religious Gatekeeping in Red-Rock Country,” *High Country News*, 54, no. 1 (January 2022), 44–45

Works in Progress/Current Projects:

Second book manuscript tentatively titled *Tiger of the Human Species: Yavapai-Apache Scouts and the Worlds They Made* (under contract with Liveright/W.W. Norton)

Co-convener (with Lance R. Blyth, Command Historian of North American Aerospace Defense Command [NORAD] and United States Northern Command [USNORTHCOM], and Catherine R. Franklin, Texas Tech University) of Clements Center Annual Symposium for 2024–2025, “Rethinking the ‘Indian Wars’”

“The Pitfalls and Possibilities of an ‘Indian College’: Mascots, Murals, and Memorialization at Dartmouth,” chapter in forthcoming edited volume, *Campuses and Colonialism*, Stephen Kantrowitz, Malinda Maynor Lowery, and Alyssa Mt. Pleasant, eds. (under review with University of North Carolina Press)

Honors, Awards, Fellowships:

2024 Arrell M. Gibson Award (best essay of the year on the history of Native Americans), Western History Association

2024 Oscar O. Winther Award (best article published in *The Western Historical Quarterly* for the year), Western History Association

2020 Caughey Western Prize (most distinguished book on the history of the American West), Western History Association

2020 David J. Weber Prize (best non-fiction book on Southwestern America), Western History Association

2020 Southwest Book Award, Border Regional Library Association

Honorable Mention, 2020 Wheeler-Voegelin Book Award, American Society for Ethnohistory

Junior Faculty Fellowship, Dartmouth College, 2020–2021 academic year

Clements Fellow for the Study of Southwestern America, the William P. Clements Center for Southwest Studies, Southern Methodist University, 2016–2017

UNM Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Dissertation Fellowship, 2014–2015

UNM American Historical Association-Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Career Diversity Fellowship, Spring 2015

C. L. Sonnichsen Award, Arizona Historical Society, April 2015 (Best Article of 2014 in *Journal of Arizona History*)

New Mexico Scholars Award, Office of the State Historian of New Mexico, 2014

Future Faculty Award, Office of Graduate Studies, University of New Mexico, Spring 2012

Newberry Library Consortium in American Indian Studies (NCAIS) Summer Fellow at the Newberry Library, Chicago, IL, 2012

William M. Dabney Scholarship in Early American History, Department of History, University of New Mexico, May 2012

Timothy D. Moy Memorial Teaching Fellowship, Department of History, University of New Mexico, May 2011

Indian Student Scholarship, Western History Association Conference, Oakland, CA, October 2011

Yavapai-Apache Nation Higher Education Scholarship, 2004–2015

Public History Work:

Principal researcher and author, *We Are of This Place: The Pueblo Story*, permanent museum exhibition at the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center (approx. 10,000 square feet of exhibition space). Authored script (over 8,000 words), and involved in all aspects of planning and installation, including A/V elements. Opened to the public April 2016

Coordinated monthly lecture series, “The Counter-Narrative: An Indigenous Perspective,” at the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center, 2015–2016

Coordinated four-part lectures series, “Reframing Resources: Water in the Contemporary Pueblo World,” at the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center, Feb. 2016–May 2016

Museum Intern, Indian Pueblo Cultural Center, Albuquerque, NM, December 2014–October 2015

Grants:

Advising Humanities Scholar, “Belonging: The Natural History of People in the Southwest,” Arizona Humanities Project Grant, Fall 2023–Winter 2024

Conference and Panel Presentations:

“Hijacked Histories: Indigenous Erasure and Selective Remembering in Kentucky and Arizona,” roundtable discussant, Southern History Association Conference, 27 October 2024

“The Curious Case of Captain Smiley: Apache Scout Veterans as Community Servants in the Early Twentieth Century,” American Society for Ethnohistory Conference, Fargo, ND, 20 September 2024

“The Curious Case of Captain Smiley: Apache Scout Veterans as Community Servants in the Early Twentieth Century,” Maple Lead and Eagle Conference, Helsinki, Finland, 16 May 2024

“Race, Racial Science and the State,” Rosenbluth Family Charitable Foundation Genocide Awareness Week, Tempe, AZ, 16 April 2024

“Does the Desert Shape How We Remember History,” panel discussion sponsored by the Desert Humanities Initiative at Arizona State University, Tempe, Arizona, 4 April 2024

“From the Border: An Open Book Summer Roundtable,” panel discussion sponsored by the University of Arizona Press, 14 July 2021

“Building Multiracial Democracy in the American West: Lessons from Western Pasts,” panel sponsored by Harvard Mahindra Humanities Center and Dartmouth Rockefeller Center, 7 April 2021

“Sovereign Mobility: Yavapai Motion as Foundational Narrative,” Western History Association Conference, 17 October 2020 (panel organizer)

“The ‘Problem’ with Yavapai History: Historiography and Public Perceptions,” Western History Association Conference, Las Vega, NV, 17 October 2019

“Citizen Cousins: Hoomothya (Mike Burns), Wassaja (Carlos Montezuma), and the Mirage of U.S. Citizenship,” American Society for Ethnohistory Conference, the Pennsylvania State University, State College, PA, 28 September 2019

“When the City Comes to the Indian: Yavapai-Apache Urbanization, 1875–1920,” Indian Cities: Histories of Indigenous Urbanism, New York University, 13 April 2019

“‘Creating’ a Tribe: Removal, Reorganization, and Reconstruction of the Yavapai-Apache Nation,” Western History Association Conference, San Antonio, TX, October 2018

“When the City Comes to the Indian: The Urbanization of the Yavapai-Apache Homelands,” Native American and Indigenous Studies Conference, Los Angeles, CA, May 2018

“Uncovering Pueblo Indian Border-Crossers in the Progressive Era,” Native American and Indigenous Studies Association Conference, Vancouver, Canada, June 2017

“‘We Do Not Want to Be Citizens!’: New Mexico’s Pueblo Indians During the U.S. Territorial Period,” American Society for Ethnohistory Conference, Nashville, TN, November 2016

“Humor in Research: An Indigenous Scholar’s Survival Guide,” American Indian Workshop, University of Southern Denmark, May 2016

“Citizens or Wards?: Pueblo Indian Voting in Territorial New Mexico,” Historical Society of New Mexico New Mexico History Conference, Albuquerque, NM
May 2015

“Safe Spaces for the Ancestors: The Secret Life of Carlos Montezuma,” Native American and Indigenous Studies Association Conference, Washington, DC, May 2015

“Repúblicas de Indios in Spanish New Mexico,” Historical Society of New Mexico New Mexico History Conference, Las Vegas, NM, May 2014

“Wassaja Comes Home: A Yavapai Perspective on Carlos Montezuma’s Search for Identity,” Maple Leaf and Eagle Conference, Helsinki, Finland, May 2014

“Yaqui República: Yaquis, Voting, and the Revolt of 1740,” Native American and Indigenous Studies Association Conference, Austin, TX, May 2014

“The Destruction of Awat’ovi: Public Memory, Public Erasure,” Western History Association Conference, Newport Beach, CA, October 2014

“Blood Money: Indian Gaming and Enrollment in the Yavapai-Apache Nation,” Western History Association Conference, Denver, CO, October 2012

“Carlos Montezuma’s Cross-Continental Origin, Family, and Identity,” Newberry Consortium in American Indian Studies Conference, Newberry Library, Chicago, IL, August 2012

Conference Panels as Chair, Commentator, or Moderator

“Rethinking the Indian Wars,” organizer, moderator, and closing remarks, Arizona Heritage Center, Tempe, AZ, 26 April 2025

“Survivor: Native America,” introduction and moderator, Rosenbluth Family Charitable Foundation Genocide Awareness Week, Tempe, AZ, 3 April 2025

“Land Acknowledgments: Permanent, Performance, or Pro Forma,” moderator and organizer, American Historical Association Conference, San Francisco, CA, 5 January 2024

“Indigenous Encounters: Diplomacy, Ethnography, and Crisis in the Hispanic Southwest,” chair, Western History Association Conference, San Antonio, TX, 15 October 2022

“Bridge City: Connecting Portland’s Cultural History Through Food, Sport, and Music,” moderator and panel organizer, Western History Association Conference, Portland, OR, 29 October 2021

“Landgrab, Landback: Reconciling the Legacy of the Morrill Act on Arizona’s Indigenous Nations,” moderator, Arizona History Convention, 22 April 2021

“‘The Indian’ and ‘The Immigrant’: At the Intersections of Native American and U.S. Im/Migration Histories,” commentator, Organization of American Historians Conference, March 2021

“Video Games: Re-Remembering Nonwhite Stereotypes from Western Myth,” chair, Western History Association Conference, 16 October 2020

“Yati’: Apache Perspectives on Culture, History, and Health,” commentator, American Indian Studies Association Conference, Tempe, AZ, 6 February 2020

Invited Talks and Public Presentations:

“A History of Native American Voting and Political Participation,” Verde Valley Democrats, Cottonwood, AZ, 7 August 2025

“Yavapai and Dilzhe’e Apache History in the Verde Valley,” Indigenous Histories of the U.S.-Mexico Borderlands Teach-In, Northern Arizona University, 23 July 2025

“A Case Study in Applied History,” University of Colorado Boulder Applied History Initiative, 18 July 2025

“Culture as a Guide in Self-Determination,” Yavapai-Apache Nation Civic Education Series, Clarkdale, Arizona, 12 July 2025

“Genocide in Arizona?” Northern Arizona University, 9 June 2025

“The Curious Case of Captain Smiley: The Afterlife of an Apache Scout,” Copper Queen Library, Bisbee, AZ, 13 May 2025

“Native American Education, Then and Now,” University Women of Sedona, Sedona, AZ, 5 May 2025

“Demystifying Indian Gaming and Casinos: An Environmental, Economic, and Indigenous Perspective,” Natural History Institute, Prescott, AZ, 10 April 2025.

“Reflections on Indigenous Religious Traditions from Vine Deloria Jr. to Zitkála-Šá (Gertrude Simmons Bonnin) to the Verde Valley,” Sedona Unitarian Universalist Congregation, Sedona, AZ, 30 March 2025

“Demystifying Indian Gaming and Casinos,” Science and Religion Lecture Series, Spirit of Joy Lutheran Church, Clarkdale, AZ, 9 February 2025

“Here to Stay: Stories of Yavapai-Apache Resilience,” Chandler Public Library “Our Stories” series, Chandler Public Library, Chandler, AZ, 11 January 2025

“Here to Stay: Stories of Yavapai-Apache Resilience,” Sedona Heritage Museum, Sedona, AZ, 10 October 2024

“Playing Indian in Yavapai-Apache Sacred Spaces,” Sedona Unitarian Universalist Congregation, Sedona, AZ, 4 August 2024

Keynote Panelist, Conrad E. Wright Research Conference on Citizenship, Massachusetts Historical Society, Boston, MA, 7 July 2024

“The Indian Citizenship Act of 1924 at 100: Its Significance for Native Americans in Arizona and Beyond,” Phillip England Center for the Performing Arts, Camp Verde, AZ, 5 May 2024

“The Curious Case of Captain Smiley: Navigating Multiple Identities (Apache, Veteran, Community Leader) in Early-Twentieth Century Arizona,” Desert Caballeros Western History Museum, Wickenburg, AZ, 14 November 2023

“We Are of This Place: An Indigenous Natural History of Central Arizona,” Yavapai College Verde Valley Campus, Clarkdale, AZ, sponsored by the Natural History Institute and Yavapai College Osher Lifelong Learning Institute Verde Valley, 10 October 2023

“Voices from the Past, Lessons for the Future: Indigenous Arizona,” Plenary Speech for Arizona History Convention, Tempe, AZ, 13 April 2023

“After the Whirlwind: Yavapai-Apache Scouts and the Worlds They Made,” Phillip England Center for the Performing Arts, Camp Verde, AZ, 5 February 2023

“After the Whirlwind: Yavapai-Apache Scouts and the Worlds They Made,” Natural History Institute, Prescott, AZ, 2 Feb, 2023

“Tiger of the Human Species: U.S. Army Indian Scouts and the Making of Yavapai-Apache Society,” Clarkdale Historical Society, Clarkdale, AZ, 7 October 2022

“New Works on the Indigenous West – *These People Have Always Been a Republic*,” Huntington-USC Institute on California & the West, Los Angeles, CA, 6 April 2022

Rocking the Vote Then and Now: Why Native American Enfranchisement Matters,” Annual Butler-Peters Lecture, Charles Redd Center for Western Studies, Brigham Young University, Provo, UT, 11 November 2021

2020 Weber-Clements Book Award Talk, Clements Center for Southwest Studies, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, TX, 25 October 2021

“Tiger of the Human Species’: Western Apache Scouts, Motivations and Meanings,” co-sponsored by Arizona State University School of Historical, Philosophical and Religious Studies and the Arizona Historical Society, Tempe, AZ, 19 October 2021

“Forgoing the Franchise: When Voting Endangers Indigenous Sovereignty,” Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ, 25 March 2021

“Forgoing the Franchise: When Voting Endangers Indigenous Sovereignty,” Occidental College, Los Angeles, CA, 22 October 2020

“Rethinking the ‘Native Vote’: Three Centuries of Sovereignty in the U.S.-Mexico Borderlands,” University of New Hampshire, Durham, NH, 25 February 2020

Discussion of *These People Have Always Been a Republic: Indigenous Electorates in the U.S.-Mexico Borderlands, 1598–1912*, Camp Verde Library, sponsored by the Verde Valley Archaeology Center, Camp Verde, AZ, 7 February 2020

“Reframing Indigenous Electorates in the U.S.-Mexico Borderlands, 1598–1912,” Carleton University Department of History, Ottawa, ON, 31 January, 2020

Discussion of *These People Have Always Been a Republic: Indigenous Electorates in the U.S.-Mexico Borderlands, 1598–1912*, George Peabody Library, Post Mills, VT, 10 December 2019

“Redefining Indigenous Electorates in the U.S.-Mexico Borderlands from the Sixteenth to Twentieth Centuries,” University of New Mexico Center for Southwest Research and Special Collections, Albuquerque, NM, 5 December 2019

“Spanish Forms and U.S. Norms: Pueblo Indian Citizenship and Governance During the U.S. Territorial Period,” Yale University Latin American Speaker Series and the Yale Group for the Study of Native America, New Haven, CT, 14 November 2019

“Citizen Cousins: Hoomothya (Mike Burns), Wassaja (Carlos Montezuma), and the Illusion of American Indian Citizenship in Progressive Era Arizona,” University of North Carolina Department of History, Chapel Hill, NC, 13 September 2019

“Captive Cousins: Hoomothya, Wassaja, and Indian Citizenship in the Progressive Era,” Verde Valley Archaeology Center, Camp Verde, AZ, 17 July 2019

“Captive Citizens: Leveraging Indigenous Captivity for Citizenship in Progressive Era Arizona,” Gutiérrez-Hubbell House, Albuquerque, NM, 18 May 2019

“Captive Cousins: Hoomothya (Mike Burns), Wassaja (Carlos Montezuma), and the Specter of American Citizenship,” University of New Mexico Center for Southwest Research and Special Collections, Albuquerque, NM, 17 May 2019

“‘We Do Not Want to Be Citizens’: Pueblo Indian suffrage and citizenship in the Progressive Era,” University of California at Davis, 12 December 2018

“The Indian Vote in New Mexico and Arizona: Three Centuries of Sovereignty,” Clements Center for Southwest Studies, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, TX, 8 February 2017

“The Lincoln Canes,” Petroglyph National Monument, Albuquerque, NM, 2 July 2016

“Citizens or Wards?: Pueblo Indian Voting and Political Status During the U.S. Territorial Period,” Palace of the Governors Museum, Santa Fe, NM, 11 January 2016

“Indian Gaming as Key to Tribal Sovereignty,” Kenyon College, Gambier, OH, 1 May 2014

“American Indian Voting in New Mexico and Arizona During the Mexican Period, 1821–1854,” New Mexico Office of the State Historian Scholars Program, Albuquerque, NM, 30 April 2014

Teaching Experience:

Various courses on Twentieth-Century Native American History, Pan-Indianism in American History, Indigenous North American Borderlands, Native Americans and Sports, U.S. History, Historical Methods, and Public History at Arizona State University, Dartmouth College, and the University of New Mexico from 2011–present

Organizations and Service:

Member, Editorial Board, *New Mexico Historical Review*, 2025–present

Program Co-Chair, 2025 Western History Association Conference

Member, Western History Association Indigenous Advisory Ad Hoc Committee, November 2023–present (3-year term)

Member, Public History Committee, Arizona State University School of Historical, Philosophical and Religious Studies, August 2022–present

Member, 2024 American Historical Association Program Committee

Member, Editorial Board, David J. Weber Series in the New Borderlands History, University of North Carolina Press, 2020–present

Member, Editorial Board, *Journal of Arizona History*, 2018–2021

Member, Committee on Committees, Organization of American Historians, 2021–2023

Member, David J. Weber Book Award Committee, Western History Association, 2021–2023

Member, Wheeler-Voegelin Book Award Committee, American Society for Ethnohistory, 2021

Member, Ray Allen Billington Prize Committee, Organization of American Historians, 2023

Faculty Advisor, Native Americans at Dartmouth (Dartmouth Native American Undergraduate Student Association), 2018–2022

Member, Program Committee, American Historical Association Conference, 2024

Member, Program Committee, Western History Association Conference, 2022

Member, Local Accommodations Committee, Western History Association Conference, 2021

Manuscript Review for University of North Carolina Press, University Press of Kansas, University of Arizona Press, University of New Mexico Press, and *New Mexico Historical Review*

Member, Organization of American Historians

Member, Western History Association

Member, American Historical Association

Member, American Society for Ethnohistory

Member, Native American and Indigenous Studies Association