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Education

- Ph.D. English, University of Minnesota, 1986
- M.A. Art History (with interdisciplinary emphasis in Humanities), University of Missouri, 1979
- B.A. English, University of Missouri, 1972

Employment

- 1994- Associate Professor, American Literature, Department of English, University of Oregon
- 1989-1994 Assistant Professor, American Literature, Department of English, University of Oregon
- 1986-1989 Assistant Professor, American Literature, Department of English, Texas Tech University

Publications

Editions:

- Henry D. Thoreau, *Walden and Resistance to Civil Government*, Norton Critical Edition, 2nd ed., edited by William Rossi (New York: W.W. Norton Co., 1992; 3rd ed., forthcoming 2007).
- Henry D. Thoreau, *Wild Apples and Other Natural History Essays*, edited, annotated and with an introduction by William Rossi (Athens: University of Georgia Press, 2002).
- Henry D. Thoreau, *Journal 6:1853*, edited by William Rossi and Heather Kirk Thomas (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2000).
- Henry D. Thoreau, *Journal 3: 1848-1851*, edited by Robert Sattelmeyer, Mark R. Patterson, and William Rossi (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1990).

Articles and Book Chapters:

- “Performing Transcendental Friendship, Elegy, and Loss in *A Week*,” forthcoming in *New England Quarterly* 2008.
- “Following Thoreau’s Instincts,” *Nineteenth-Century Prose* 31.2 (Fall 2004), 75-92;

- reprinted in *More Day to Dawn: Thoreau's Walden for a New Century*, ed. Sandra Petrulionis and Laura Dassow Walls (Amherst: University of Massachusetts Press, 2007), 82-99.
- "Emerson, Nature, and Natural Science," in *Ralph Waldo Emerson: An Historical Guide*, ed. Joel Myerson (New York: Oxford University Press, 2000), 101-150.
- "Thoreau's Transcendental Ecocentrism," in *Thoreau's Sense of Place: Essays in American Environmental Writing*, ed. Richard J. Schneider (Iowa City: University of Iowa Press, 2000), 28-43.
- Historical Introduction (with Heather Kirk Thomas), Henry D. Thoreau, *Journal 6:1853*, (Princeton: Princeton University Press), 366-380.
- "Education in the Field: Recent Thoreau Criticism and Environment," *ESQ: A Journal of the American Renaissance* 42 (1996), 125-151.
- "Poetry and Progress: Thoreau, Lyell, and the Geological Principles of *A Week on the Concord and Merrimack Rivers*," *American Literature* 66 (June 1994), 275-300.
- "Thoreau as a Philosophical Naturalist-Writer," in *Thoreau's World and Ours: A Natural Legacy*, ed. Edmund A. Schofield and Robert C. Baron (Golden, Colo.: North American Press, 1993), 64-76.
- "The Journal and Walden," in Henry D. Thoreau, *Walden and Resistance to Civil Government*, Norton Critical Edition, second ed. (New York: W.W. Norton Co., 1992), 249-254.
- Historical Introduction, Henry D. Thoreau, *Journal 3: 1848-1851* (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1990), 478-498.
- "'The Limits of an Afternoon Walk': Coleridgean Polarity in Thoreau's Walking," *ESQ: A Journal of the American Renaissance* 34 (1987), 1-17.
- "Roots, Leaves, and Method: Henry Thoreau and Nineteenth-Century Natural Science," *Journal of the American Studies Association of Texas* 19 (1988), 1-22.
- "The Journal, Self-Culture, and the Genesis of 'Walking,'" *Thoreau Quarterly* 16 (1984): 137-55.

Notes and Encyclopedia Entries:

- "Francis Bowen," in *Dictionary of Literary Biography 235: The American Renaissance in New England, Third Series*, ed. Wesley T. Mott, (Columbia, SC: Brucoli Clark Layman, 2001), 33-37.
- "Thoreau and Native Americans," *American Nature Writing Newsletter* 6 (1994): 11-12.
- "Textual Appendix to Walden," *Walden and Resistance to Civil Government*, Norton Critical Edition, second ed. (New York: W.W. Norton Co., 1992), 224-5.
- "A Textual Note on 'Resistance to Civil Government,'" in *Walden and Resistance to Civil Government*, Norton Critical Edition, second ed. (New York: W.W. Norton Co., 1992), 246.

Reviews:

- Thoreau's Ecstatic Witness* by Alan D. Hodder (Yale University Press, 2001) in *Religion and Literature* 38.2 (Summer 2006): 125-27.
- Hound, Bay Horse, and Turtle-Dove: Obscurity and Authority in Thoreau's Walden*

- (Gothenburg University Press, 2005) by Henrik Otterberg. in *ISLE: Interdisciplinary Studies in Literature and Environment* 13.1 (Winter 2006).
- Emerson* by Lawrence Buell (Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 2003) and *Emerson's*
- Life in Science: The Culture of Truth* by Laura Dassow Walls (Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 2003). *ISLE: Interdisciplinary Studies in Literature and Environment* 12.1 (Winter 2005): 270-73.
- Henry David Thoreau and the Moral Agency of Knowing* by Alfred I. Tauber (Berkeley: University of California Press, 2001). In *Isis: An International Review of the History of Science and Its Cultural Influences* 94 (2003): 742-743.
- Getting Over the Color Green: Contemporary Environmental Literature of the Southwest*, edited by Scott Slovic (Tucson: University of Arizona Press, 2001). In *Environment* 44.7 (September 2002): 44.
- A Wider View of the Universe: Henry Thoreau's Study of Nature* by Robert Kuhn McGregor (Urbana/Chicago: University of Illinois Press, 1997). In *Isis* 90.1 (March 1999), 132-33.
- Seeing New Worlds: Henry Thoreau and Nineteenth-Century Natural Science* by Laura Dassow Walls (Madison: University of Wisconsin Press, 1995). In *ISLE: Interdisciplinary Studies in Literature and Environment* 4.2 (Fall 1997), 119-120.
- Thoreau's Morning Work: Memory and Perception in A Week on the Concord and Merrimack Rivers, the Journal, and Walden*, by H. Daniel Peck. In *American Literature* 64 (1992), 157-158.
- The Topical Notebooks of Ralph Waldo Emerson, Volume 1*, edited by Susan Sutton Smith. In *Journal of English and Germanic Philology* 91 (1992), 463-464.

Invited and Professional Presentations, 1994-present

- “Thoreauvian Science and the Environmental Subject,” Boston Center for the History and
Philosophy of Science, November 16, 2007.
- “Henry Thoreau Takes Early Retirement,” Learning in Retirement Program, Eugene,
June 19, 2006.
- “Performing Transcendental Friendship in *A Week*: Narrative, Loss, and Elegy,” Figures of Friendship in Emerson and Thoreau Conference, May 19, 2006.
- “*Walden's* Double Evolutionary Narrative,” Oregon Humanities Center Work-in Progress Talk, February 10, 2006.
- “‘Higher Laws’ in Nineteenth Century Scientific Discourse,” Thoreau Society Annual Gathering, Concord Massachusetts, July 7, 2005
- “Science in Place,” Writing the Natural World Conference (invited by Barry Lopez), Junction, Texas, October 31, 2004.
- “Teaching Nineteenth-Century Natural History,” American Literature Association, San Francisco, California May 27, 2004.
- “Following Thoreau’s Instincts,” Modern Language Association Convention, San Diego, California, December 29, 2003.

- “Advertising American Power,” Anglistisches Seminar, Ruprecht-Karls- Universität, Heidelberg, Germany; July 10, 2003.
- “Emerson, Thoreau, and US Ecocriticism,” University of Münster, Münster, Germany; June 5, 2003.
- “Following Thoreau’s Instincts,” Mesa Verde Colloquium, January 10, 2003.
- “Editing Nature Writing,” Association for the Study of Literature and Environment Fourth Biennial Conference, Flagstaff, AZ, June 21, 2001.
- “The Evolutionary Debate within *Walden* and Thoreau,” Center for the Environmental Arts and Humanities, University of Nevada, Reno, December 5, 2000.
- “Woodchucks and Higher Laws,” Visiting Scholar in Residence Program, Willamette University, Salem, OR, October 23, 2000.
- “A Transmutation of the Public Mind: The Narrative Subversions of Robert Chambers’s *Vestiges*,” Scott, Scotland, and Romanticism Conference, Eugene, OR, July 1999.
- “Thoreau’s Ecocentrism Revisited,” Pacific Northwest American Studies Assoc., Lincoln City, OR, April 1999.
- “Thoreauvian Wildness, the Journal, and ‘the Womb of Nature,’” Association for the Study of Literature and the Environment, Missoula, MT, July 1997.
- “Science, Public Debate, and the Genesis of *Walden*,” Pacific Northwest American Studies Association, Bend, OR, April 1996.
- “Thoreau and the *Vestiges* Controversy,” Modern Language Association, Chicago, December 1995.
- “Emerson Reading Science, Writing *Nature*,” American Literature Association, Baltimore, May 1995.
- “Emerson, Bacon, and the Book of Nature,” Georgia State University, Atlanta, January 1995.
- “Science and the Fragmentation of Knowledge in Emerson’s *Nature*,” Pacific Northwest American Studies Assoc., Lincoln City, OR, April 1994.

Invited Presentations, University of Oregon, 1994-present

- Research Presentation, Society of College Scholars Humanities Colloquium, May 2007.
- Research Presentation on “the History of Objectivity,” Environmental Studies 610 Humanities/Science Interface, April 2006.
- Research Presentation with Kathy Cashman (Geology), Environmental Studies 611 Interdisciplinary Methods, March 2006.
- “Transcendental Natures,” English 222 Introduction to the English Major, April, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007.
- Research Presentation, English 690 Introduction to Graduate Studies, Fall 2004 and 2002.
- On Bruno Latour’s *We Have Never Been Modern*, English 615 Ecocritical Theory, May 30, 2001.
- Interview, *UO Today*, with Nancy Tuana, March 2001.
- “Naked Eyeballs,” English 222 Introduction to the English Major, April, 1999.

- “Environmental Poetry,” Geography 199 Discover Oregon: Humans and the Natural Environment, October 1998.
- Research Presentations, Environmental Studies 607 Seminar: Graduate Orientation with Faculty, January 1997, January and October 1998.
- “Textual Editing: Recent Theories and Practice,” English 690 Introduction to Graduate Studies, November 2002, 2001, 2000, 1998.
- “Trends in American Literary Scholarship,” English 690 Introduction to Graduate Studies, November 1997.
- “Historicizing Ecocriticism: Evolutionary Theories in Thoreau's Writing,” English 615 Graduate Seminar in Theorizing Ecocriticism, October 1996.
- “American Prospects and Sepulchres,” English 222 Introduction to the English Major, April 1996, 1997, 1998.
- “How Can We Know What We Are Told Merely?” Mesa Verde Colloquium, University of Oregon, March 1996.

Grants, Fellowships, and Awards, 1994-present

- Ernest J. Moll Research Fellowship, 2005-2006
- Oregon Humanities Center Research Fellowship, Fall 2005
- College of Arts and Sciences Program Grant, 2005 (with John Lysaker, Philosophy)
- Oregon Summer Research Award, Summer 2003, 1998, 1994
- J. William Fulbright Lecturing Award in Germany, March-July 2003
- Oregon Humanities Center Teaching Fellowship (with Suzanne Clark, English), 2000-2001
- Senior Scholar in Residence, Willamette University, Fall 2001.
- College of Arts and Sciences Interdisciplinary Initiative in the Humanities (with Nancy Tuana, Philosophy), March 1998
- Thoreau Journal Transcription Project (supported by NEH funding from *The Writings of Henry D. Thoreau* and by UO English Department), 1996-1999.
- Norman H. Brown Faculty Fellowship, 1995
- National Endowment for the Humanities University Teachers Fellowship, 1994-95

Service, 1994-present

Department

- Director of Undergraduate Studies (2007-)
- Curriculum Committee, Chair (2007-)
- Hiring Committee, Environmental Literature and Theory (2007-08)
- Hiring Committee, 19th Century British Literature (2006-7)
- Merit Salary Committee (elected), 2006, 2005, 2001, 1996
- Department Council (elected), 2004-06 (Chair, 2004-5)
- Organizer and Host for Visiting Speakers: Lawrence Buell (“Literature Studies as Environmental Studies”), May 18, 2006 and Dana Phillips (“Thoreau's Aesthetics and ‘The Domain of the Superlative’” and “The Critical Reception of the *Truth of Ecology*”), May 5 and 6, 2005.

Graduate Reading Group on works of Lawrence Buell, Winter 2006
 Composition Committee, Fall 2002, Winter-2004-Spring 2006
 Swig Prize, Spring 2006
 Kirby Prize Selection Committee, Winter 2002
 Elizabeth Wheeler Tenure and Promotion, 2001
 Speakers Committee, 2000-2002
 Ph.D. Qualifying Exam Committee, 2000-present
 Krohn Prize Selection Committee, 2001, 2006
 Composition Committee, Fall 2000
 Department Council (elected), 1997-1999
 Third Year Review Committee, Elizabeth Wheeler, 1999
 Promotion and Tenure Committee, Henry Wonham, 1998
 Third Year Review Committee, Henry Wonham, 1997
 Third Year Review Committee, Gordon Sayre, 1996
 Merit Salary Committee (elected), 1996
 Graduate Committee, 1996-97
 Ad Hoc Committee on the Graduate Program, 1996-97
 Co-Director of Graduate Studies, Spring 1994
 Graduate Committee, Spring 1994
 Graduate Appointments Committee, Spring 1994

College and University

Undergraduate Council (2007-08)
 College of Arts and Sciences Curriculum Committee (2006-
 Inter-Collegiate General Education Requirements Committee (2006-
 Co-organizer (with John Lysaker), **Figures of Friendship in Emerson and
 Thoreau** Conference, Knight Law Center, May 19-20, 2006.
 Program Committee, Bi-annual Conference of the Association for the Study of
 Literature and Environment, Eugene, June 21-26, 2005
 Environmental Humanities Search Committee, 2002-2003
 Conference Coordinator, with Nancy Tuana and Lynne Fessenden,
Taking Nature Seriously: Citizens, Science, and Environment,
 University of Oregon, February 25-27, 2001
 Environmental Studies Committee, 1993-present
 Executive Board, Institute for a Sustainable Environment, 1996-2000
 Campus Planning Committee, 1998-1999
 Environmental Studies Curriculum Committee, 1996-1999
 External Grants and Scholarships Committee, 1997-1999
 Oregon Humanities Center Review Panel, Teaching Fellowships, 1997
 Panel member for Graduate School workshop, "How to Survive Your Oral
 Defense," February 1995

Community

Insight Seminar Series on Wisdom Literatures, (four Saturday sessions, June

2006)

Guest teacher, Spencer Butte Middle School (classes on northern European and Italian Renaissance art, environmental writing, and natural history), 1998, 2001

Guest teacher, South Eugene High School (Junior and Senior classes on American authors), 1997, 1998, 2001, 2003, 2004

Professional

Judge, Norton Scholars's Prize, Summer 2007.

Editorial Board, *The Concord Saunterer*, 1998-present

Editorial Board of *The Writings of Henry D. Thoreau*, 1993-present

Manuscript Reviews for *Environmental Values*, University of Georgia Press, *The Concord Saunterer*, *Isis: International Review on the History of Science and Its Cultural Influences*; *ISLE: Interdisciplinary Studies in Literature and Environment*; *ESQ: A Journal of the American Renaissance*; Island Press; Harper Collins; W.W. Norton.

Outside Tenure Reviews, Penn State University, Altoona, 2001;

University of

Missouri-Columbia, 1995

Panelist, National Endowment for the Humanities University Fellowships Evaluation, 1996

Membership in Professional Societies

Association for the Study of Literature and Environment

History of Science Society

Modern Language Association

Thoreau Society