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### **Research Interests**

History of the American West; American Indian history, environmental history; race and racial identity; public history; immigration history; Russian history (outside field).

### **Publications**

#### Books

*Making the White Man's West: Whiteness and the Creation of the American West.* Under contract with the University Press of Colorado.

#### Articles

“The Winds of Change: Windsurfing and the Development of Hood River County, Oregon.” *The Oregon Historical Quarterly*. Fall 2007.

“Creating the Natural State: Outsiders, Insiders and the Buffalo National River.” *The Ozark Historical Review*. Spring 2006.

“Environmental History and the Archival Profession.” *Easy Access*. Summer 2000.

#### Book Reviews

Review of *Range of Glaciers: The Exploration and Survey of the Northern Cascade Range*, by Fred Beckey. H-West, H-Net Reviews, February, 2004. URL: <http://www.hnet.msu.edu/reviews/showrev.cgi?path=159171081144618>.

Review of *Writing Naturally: A Down to Earth Guide to Nature Writing*, by David Peterson. *High Country News*, 27 May 2002, 15.

### **Selected Awards**

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| 2006      | Visiting Summer Scholar. Autry National Center, Los Angeles, California.        |
| 2003-2007 | Distinguished Doctoral Fellow. University of Arkansas, Fayetteville.            |
| 2004      | Guest Lecturer. Teaching American History Grant. Durango, Colorado              |
| 2000      | Recipient of Pacific Northwest Archivists' "At Large Student Scholarship" 2000. |
| 1998-2000 | Rose Tucker Fellow. Portland State University, Portland, Oregon.                |

- 1998 "History Student of the Year." Fort Lewis College, Durango, Colorado.
- 1998 Magna Cum Laude, Fort Lewis College, Durango, Colorado.

### **Education**

- 2008 Doctor of Philosophy, University of Arkansas. Dissertation title: "Making the White Man's West: Whiteness and the Creation of the American West." Advisor: Elliott West. GPA: 4.0
- 2005-2007 Doctoral Candidate, University of Arkansas
- 2003-2005 Doctoral student, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville.
- 1998-2000 Master of Arts in History, Portland State University, Portland, Oregon. MA Thesis title: "A Paradise of One's Construction: Identity, Nature, and Land-use in Hood River County, Oregon." Advisor: William L. Lang. GPA: 3.88
- 1993-1998 Bachelor of Arts in History and English, Fort Lewis College, Durango, Colorado. GPA: 3.70

### **Academic Work Experience**

- 2009 Assistant Professor of History, Angelo State University, San Angelo.
- 2008 Instructor, Upward Bound Program, Northwest Arkansas Community College. Class taught: History of the American Indian.
- 2008 Instructor. Northwest Arkansas Community College. Classes taught: U.S. History Survey to 1877; U.S. History Survey since 1877.
- 2007-Present Instructor. University of Arkansas, Fayetteville. Classes taught: U.S. History Survey to 1877; U.S History Survey since 1877.
- 2004-2007 Teaching Assistant. University of Arkansas, Fayetteville. Classes taught: U.S. History Survey to 1877; U.S. History Survey since 1877; Western Civilization I; Western Civilization II; Honors World Civilization I, and Honors World Civilization II.
- 2003-2006 Assistant Director, Arkansas Center of Oral and Visual History. University of Arkansas, Fayetteville. Duties included assisting with grant-writing, editing transcripts, and conserving oral materials. Projects included oral histories of *The Arkansas Democrat-Gazette* newspaper and the William Jefferson Clinton History Project.
- 1998-2000 Rose Tucker Fellow. Rose Tucker Fellow, Oregon Historical Society, Portland, Oregon. Duties included: conservation and preservation of

historic materials, database creation and input, exhibit development, research, writing, and helping K-12 teachers incorporate primary sources into the classroom.

### **Presentations and Papers Given**

2007: “Making the White Man’s West: Whiteness and the Creation of the American West,” Western History Association Conference, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

2006: “Unbearably Human: Werner Herzog’s *Grizzly Man* and the American Character.” International Film and History Conference, Dallas Texas.

“A Climate of Anxiety: Racial Degeneration and Westward Expansion,” Mid-America History Conference, Fayetteville, Arkansas.

2005: “State Standards and History Education,” Teaching American History Grant, Durango, Colorado.

2004: “Creating the Natural State: Outsiders, Insiders and the Buffalo National River,” Mid-America History Conference, Springfield, Missouri.

### **Job-related Skills**

I am trained in the use of Blackboard CE.

### **Volunteering**

Volunteer with Colorado Preservation Inc., a Denver-based historic preservation organization. I provided assistance with public-relations work. I have also written several short articles based on their “Most Endangered Places” list of threatened historic sites.

### **Languages**

Reading Comprehension of Spanish.  
Basic Reading Comprehension of German.

### **Interests**

My interests include hiking, cycling, camping, reading, and writing. In 1998 my wife and I backpacked the 475 mile Colorado Trail from Denver to Durango. In 1994 I was a member of the first Collegiate National Championship Mountain Bike Team at Fort Lewis College in Durango.

## References for Jason Pierce, University of Arkansas

### Dissertation Advisor

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