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Research Interests

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

Courses Taught

Angelo State University

Hist 1301: U.S. History to 1865
Hist 1302: U.S. History 1865-Present
Hist 2372: Introduction to Public History
Hist 3301: Texas History
Hist 3344: U.S Environmental History and Politics
Hist 4302: History of the American West
Hist 4314: Historic Preservation, Research and Writing
Hist 4325: Indians of North America
Hist 4370: Capstone in History
Hist 6330: Historical Records and Site Preservation (graduate course)
Hist 6342: American Social Movements (graduate course)
Hist 6373: Historiography (graduate course)
USTD 1201: Critical Thinking
GS 1181: The Human Condition
GS 1181: The Western in American Culture

University of Arkansas

Hist 1003: Western Civilization I
Hist 1013: Western Civilization II
Hist 1103: World Civilization I
Hist 1123: World Civilization II
Hist 2003: U.S. History to 1877
Hist 2013: U.S History since 1877

Publications

Books

Daily Life in the American West, forthcoming. ABC-CLIO/Greenwood Press, under contract.

Making the White Man's West: Whiteness and the Creation of the American West. Niwot: University Press of Colorado, 2016.

Articles

“Marvelous, Maligned, and Misunderstood: The Strange History of the Mesquite Tree in Texas.” *Southwestern Historical Quarterly* (Spring 2014).

“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 *The American West and the World* by Janne Lahti. *Southwestern Historical Quarterly*, forthcoming.

Review of *Gold Mountain Turned to Dust: Essays on the Legal History of the Chinese in the Nineteenth-Century American West* by John R. Wunder, ed. *The Historian*, forthcoming.

Review of *Race Experts: Sculpture, Anthropology, and the American Public in Malvina Hoffman’s Races of Mankind Exhibit* by Linda Kim. *Journal of South Texas*, forthcoming.

Review of *Scandinavians in Chicago* by Erika Jackson. *History: Review of New Books*, forthcoming.

Review of *Frontier Rebels: The Fight for Independence in the American West, 1765-1776*. *Indiana Magazine of History*, forthcoming.

Review of *Out Where the West Begins, Vol. 2* by Phil Anschutz. *Pacific Historical Review*, forthcoming.

Review of *Man-Hunters of the Old West* by Richard DeArment. *Western Historical Quarterly* 49, no. 2 (Summer 2018), 225.

Review of *Epiphany in the Wilderness: Hunting, Nature, and Performance in the Nineteenth-Century American West* by Karen R. Jones. *Kansas History* 40, no. 1 (Spring 2017), 74.

Review of *Prep School Cowboys: Ranch Schools in the American West*. Melissa Bingmann. *Southwestern Historical Quarterly* 120, no 4 (April 2017), 524-25.

Review of *Mythic Frontiers: Remembering, Forgetting, and Profiting from Cultural Heritage Tourism*. Daniel R. Maher. *Arkansas Historical Quarterly* 75, no. 3 (Autumn, 2016), 273-75.

Review of *Valentine T. McGillicuddy: Army Surgeon, Agent to the Sioux*, by Candy Moulton. *The Great Plains Quarterly* 32, no.4 (Winter 2012): 69-70.

Review of *The History of White People* by Nell Irvin Painter. *The Journal of World History*, 23, no. 3 (September 2012): 216-220.

Review of *Bound to Have Blood: Frontier Newspapers and the Plains Indian Wars* by Hugh J. Reilly. *Military History of the West* 42 (2012), 51-52).

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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| 2017 | Carolyn Bancroft Award for Best Book in Western American History Nominee |
| 2017 | Gary and Pat Rodgers Distinguished Faculty Award Nominee |
| 2012 | Gary and Pat Rodgers Distinguished Faculty Award Nominee. |
| 2011 | Faculty Research Enhancement Grant. Angelo State University. San Angelo, Texas. |
| 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

- 2019 Chair, Department of History, Angelo State University, San Angelo.
- 2015-present Associate Professor of History, Angelo State University, San Angelo.
- 2009-2015 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 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

- 2018: “Conceiving Texas: Environmental Perceptions and the Invention of Anglo-Texas.” Paper presented at the Western History Association Annual Meeting, San Antonio, Texas.
- 2014: “Lincoln Looks West,” Angelo State University Civil War Lecture Series, January 2014.
- 2013: “Marvelous, Maligned, and Misunderstood: The Strange History of the Mesquite Tree in Texas” for the Tom Green County Genealogical Society, March 2013.
- 2012: “How to do Oral History,” public workshop, October 2012.
- 2012: “Tuberculosis in Texas and the West,” Tom Green County Genealogical Society, May 2012.
- 2011: “Building Partnerships: Celebrating 100 years of the O.C. Fisher Building.” Speech in commemoration of the centennial of the O.C. Fisher Building
- 2009: “Session Comment: Toward a Multi-Species History?” Paper presented at the Mid-America Conference on History, Norman Oklahoma.
- 2009 “Indians in the Military,” Speech given at Goodfellow Air Force Base in commemoration of Native American History Month, November of 2009.
- 2007: “Making the White Man’s West: Whiteness and the Creation of the American West.” Paper presented at the Western History Association Conference, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.
- 2006: “Unbearably Human: Werner Herzog’s *Grizzly Man* and the American Character.” Paper presented at the International Film and History Conference, Dallas Texas.

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

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

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

University Service

2018: College T&P Committee.

2016-Present University Core Curriculum Committee.

2014-2016: University Academic Assessment Committee Member.

2014: Chair, Department Presidential Award and Distinguished Student Awards
Committee.

2014: Department Scholarship Committee.

2013: Search Committee Chair for Department Instructor Positions.

2012-2013: College of Arts and Sciences Curriculum Committee member.

2010-2012: History representative to the Faculty Senate.

2012: Search Committee Chair (search terminated).

2011: Coauthor “The Q.U.E.S.T. for Success (Question, Understand, Engage,
Support, Teach): Creating a Community of Active Learning and
Engagement for the 21st Century,” winning proposal on community
engagement and active learning for Southern Association of Colleges
(SACs) reaccreditation.

2011: Served on Ad-hoc Committee to revise University Operating Policies and
Procedures.

2011: Served on Ad-hoc Committee to analyze University Policies based on
SACs accreditation standards.

2011: Search Committee Member, History Department.

Professional and Community Service

- 2019: Review of *Black Montana* manuscript for possible publication by the University of Nebraska Press.
- 2019: West Texas Historical Association Annual Meeting Selection Committee, Chair
- 2018: West Texas Historical Association Annual Meeting Program Committee.
- 2016-present Board Member, Fort Concho National Historic Site. Oversee Fort Concho's preservation, research, and education efforts.
- 2012-2014 Board Member, San Angelo Cultural District. Helped coordinate long-term development plans for the area near Fort Concho and the San Angelo Art Museum.
- 2001-2002: Volunteer with Colorado Preservation Inc., a Denver-based historic preservation organization, 2001-02. 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.

Job-related Skills

I am trained in the use of Blackboard CE, Microsoft Word, Excel, and Powerpoint.

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, Angelo State University

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