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Education

- Ph.D. in American History; Texas Tech University; December 2012; advisor: Dr. Mark Stoll
- M.E.S in Environmental Studies; Baylor University; May 2007; advisor: Dr. Susan Power Bratton
- B.A. in University Scholar Program, Valedictorian, Phi Beta Kappa, Phi Kappa Phi, summa cum laude; Baylor University; May 2004, GPA 4.0

Professional Employment

- Assistant Professor, Department of History, Angelo State University, January 2019 Present
- Senior Instructor, Department of History, Angelo State University, August 2018 December 2018
- Instructor, Department of History, Angelo State University, August 2013 May 2018
- Adjunct, Department of History, Angelo State University, August 2012 May 2013

Courses Taught

- HIST 1301: US History to 1865
- HIST 1302: US History Since 1865
- HIST 3301: Texas History
- HIST 3302: American Colonial History to 1763
- HIST 3303: Revolutionary America, 1763 1840
- HIST 3344: American Environmental History
- HIST 4361: Environment and War
- HIST 4391: Independent Research

Publications

Books

John Opie, Char Miller, and Kenna Lang Archer, eds. Ogallala: Water for a Dry Land, Third Edition (Lincoln: University of Nebraska Press, 2018).

Kenna Lang Archer. Unruly Waters: A Social and Environmental History of the Brazos River (Albuquerque: University of New Mexico Press, 2015).

- Winner of a Guittard Book Award for Historical Scholarship, Baylor University, 2016
- Finalist for a Spur Award Contemporary Non-fiction, Western Writers of America, 2016

Articles

- "Dog Days & Cat Naps: A Brief History of Keeping Cool in Texas," West Texas Journal of History Volume 10 (Spring 2023).
- "When the Wells Run Dry: A Brief History of Land Usage, Technology & Groundwater within the Ogallala Aquifer," 2020 Southern Plains Conference Proceedings (March 2021)
- "A Defiant River, a Technocratic Ideal Big Dams and Big Dam Schemes along the Brazos River, 1929 – 1958." *The East Texas Historical Journal* 53:2 (October 2015): 67 – 87.
- "Forest Succession and Grazing in William Cameron Park, an Urban Natural Area in Waco, Texas," coauthored with Dr. Susan P. Bratton. Castanea 75:1 (March 2010): 39 – 51.

Book Reviews

- Review of Orrin H. Pilkey, et al., Vanishing Sands: Losing Beaches to Mining (Durham: Duke University Press, 2022) in *Environmental History* (October 2023).
- Review of Mary Jo O'Rear, Barrier to the Bays: The Islands of the Texas Coastal Bend and their Pass (College Station: Texas A&M University Press, 2022) in *Journal of South Texas* (Spring 2023).
- Review of John Lauck, ed. Heartland River: A Cultural and Environmental History of the Big Sioux River Valley (Sioux Falls: Center for Western Studies, 2022) in Annals of Iowa (Spring 2023).
- Review of Jonathan K. Gerland, Boggy Slough: A Forest, a Family, and a Foundation for Land Conservation (College Station: Texas A&M University Press, 2022) in Journal of Southern History (Spring 2023).
- Review of Christian Harrison, All the Water the Law Allows: Las Vegas and Colorado River Politics (Norman: University of Oklahoma Press, 2021) in Southwestern Historical Quarterly (Fall 2022).
- Review of Sarah E. M. Grossman, Mining the Borderlands: Industry, Capital, and the Emergence of Engineers in the Southwest Territories, 1855 – 1910 (Reno: University of Nevada Press, 2018), in H-Environment (October 2020)
- Review of Seamus McGraw, A Thirsty Land: The Making of an American Water Crisis (Austin: University of Texas Press, 2018), in Western Historical Quarterly (February 2019).
- Review of Timothy Bowman, Blood Oranges: Colonialism and Agriculture in the South Texas Borderlands (College Station: Texas A&M University Press, 2016), in Environmental History (April 2018).
- Review of Shane K. Bernard, Teche: A History of Louisiana's Most Famous Bayou (Jackson: University Press of Mississippi, 2016), in *Louisiana History* (Spring 2018).
- Review of John Williams, The Untold Story of the Lower Colorado River Authority (College Station: Texas A&M University Press, 2016), in Central Texas Studies Journal (December 2016).
- Review of Patrick Dearen, Bitter Waters: The Struggles of the Pecos River (Norman: University of Oklahoma Press, 2016), in Southwestern Historical Quarterly (October 2016).
- Review of John S. Sledge, *The Mobile River* (Columbia: The University of South Carolina Press, 2015), in The Journal of Southern History (August 2016).
- Review of Dorothy Zeisler-Vralsted, Rivers, Memory and Nation-Building: A History of the Volga and Mississippi Rivers (New York: Berghahn Books, 2014), in Environmental History (January 2016).
- Review of Margaret A. Bickers, Red Water, Black Gold: The Canadian River in Western Texas, 1920 1999 (Denton: Texas State Historical Association, 2014), in Western Historical Quarterly (Winter 2015).
- Review of Robert L. Crawford and William R. Brueckheimer, The Legacy of a Red Hills Hunting Plantation: Tall Timbers Research Station and Land Conservancy (Gainesville: University of Florida, 2012), in Journal of Southern History (February 2014).
- Review of Mike Burns, The Only One Living to Tell: The Autobiography of A Yavapai Indian (Tucson: University of Arizona Press, 2012), in Southwestern Historical Quarterly (April 2013).

- Review of Jim Kimmel, Exploring the Brazos River: From Beginning to End (College Station: Texas A&M University Press, 2011), in Southwestern Historical Quarterly (July 2012).
- Review of John L. Busch, Steam Coffin: Captain Moses Rogers and The Steamship Savannah Break the Barrier (New Canaan: Hodos Historia, 2010), in Southern Historian (April 2012).

Encyclopedia Articles

- "Oliver Wendell Holmes Jr.," "Harry Augustus Garfield," in The International Encyclopedia of the First World War (Freie Universität Berli: 2014).
- "National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)," "National Center for Atmospheric Research (NCAR)," "National Climatic Data Center (NCDC)," "Medieval Warm Period," "Nineteenth Century Literature and Art," "World Climate Research Programme (WCRP)," in Gary Weisel, ed., Climate Change: An Encyclopedia of Science and History (ABC-Clio: 2012).
- "Pesticides," in Matt Lindstrom, ed., Encyclopedia of the U.S. Government and the Environment: *History, Policy, and Politics* (ABC-Clio: 2010).
- "Eco-terrorism," "Columbian Exchange," "George Washington," "Mexican Land Grants," in Kathleen Brosnan, ed., Encyclopedia of American Environmental History (Facts On File: 2010).
- "The Consumer Revolution in British North America," in Jeffrey Diamond and Dane Morrison, eds., World History Encyclopedia, Era 6 (ABC-Clio: 2010).

Blog Posts

- "Unruly Waters, Dam Dreams and the House that Art Built: A (Brief) History of Development along the Brazos River." Baylor University Texas Collection (October 2015).
- "A User's Guide to the Texas Collection, Part 3, Or, How to Know that Enough is Enough." Baylor University Texas Collection (September 2013).
- "A User's Guide to the Texas Collection, Part 2, Or, Dealing with Challenging Resources." Baylor University Texas Collection (August 2013).
- "A User's Guide to the Texas Collection, Part 1, Or, How I Survived the Rigors of Research." Baylor University Texas Collection (July 2013).

Publications Forthcoming

Books

- Kenna Archer and Jason Pierce, eds. Nature & Place in the Lonestar State: Towards an Environmental History of Texas (Lubbock: Texas Tech University Press, forthcoming) [under contract].
- Kenna Archer. Rent out Texas and Live in Hell: A Social, Cultural, and Environmental History of Keeping Cool in Texas (San Antonio: Trinity University Press, forthcoming) [under contract].

Book Chapters

• "'The Hardest Matter Possible:' Hydrological Development, Public Discourse, and the Political Process in Texas," in Archer and Pierce, Nature & Place in the Lonestar State: Towards an Environmental History of Texas (Lubbock: Texas Tech University Press, forthcoming) [under contract].

Book Reviews

- Review of Lucie Genay, Under the Cap of Invisibility: The Pantex Nuclear Weapons Plant and the Texas Panhandle (Albuquerque, University of New Mexico Press, 2022) in Southern California *Quarterly* (forthcoming)
- Review of Hi'ilei Julia Kawehipuaakahaopulani Hobart, Cooling the Tropics: Ice, Indigeneity, and Hawaiian Refreshment (Durham: Duke University Press, 2022) in H-Environment (submitted)

Conferences

Keynote Speaker

• "When the Wells Run Dry: A Brief History of Land Usage, Technology & Groundwater within the Ogallala Aquifer." Keynote Address, Southern Plains Conference, Canyon, TX, February 2020.

Session Chair

• Environmental History of the Trinity River. Panel, Texas State Historical Association, San Marcos, TX, March 2018 (chair).

Panelist

- "Dog Days & Cat Naps: A Brief History of Keeping Cool in Texas," Paper, West Texas Symposium of History, Midland, TX, April 2022
- "Muddied Waters: Public Policy, Riparian Development, and the Question of Place," Paper, Western History Association, Portland, OR, October 2021.
- "Muddied Waters: Public Policy, Riparian Development, and the Question of Place along the 20th Century Brazos River," Paper, Western History Association, Albuquerque, NM, October 2020 (cancelled due to COVID-19 Pandemic).
- "Floods, Droughts, and the Politics of Water in Twentieth Century Texas," Paper, American Society for Environmental History, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada, March 2020 (cancelled due to COVID-19 pandemic).
- "Cascading Floods, Withering Droughts, and a Persistent Hope: A History of Riparian Development and Public Policy in Texas," Paper, Texas State Historical Association, San Antonio, TX, February 2020.
- "Keeping Cool in Texas: A History." Paper, Southern Forum on Agricultural and Rural Environmental History (S-FARE), Wichita Falls, TX, April 2019 (presented en absentia).
- "Ecological Diversity, Riparian Development and Public Policy in Texas." Paper, Western History Association, San Antonio, TX, October 2018.
- "The Politics of Power: Hydroelectricity, Riparian Development, and Social Rhetoric in 20th Century Texas." Paper, Texas State Historical Association, Houston, TX, March 2017 (presented en absentia).
- "Reimagining Old Man River: The Brazos River, the Gulf Coast, and a Southern Model of Development." Paper, Gulf South History and Humanities Conference, Mobile, AL, October 2016 (presented en absentia).
- "'PROPER development of the Brazos River Valley' Dam Questions, Power Struggles, and the Ideal of Improvement along the Brazos River, 1929 – 1958." Paper, American Society for Environmental History Conference, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, April 2013.
- "Improving and Democratizing the 'Mississippi of Texas': Locks, Dams, Jetties, and Progressive-Era Plans for the Brazos River." Paper, Joint Session of Organization of American Historians and Society for Historians of the Gilded Age and Progressive Era (SHGAPE), Milwaukee, WI, April 2012.

- "Methinks it is good to be here!: Immigrants and Improvement along the Mid-Nineteenth Century Brazos River." Paper, Southern Forum on Agricultural and Rural Environmental History (S-FARE), Jackson, MS, April 2012.
- "Oils, Glees, and Stanzas: The Cultural Significance of the Brazos River." Poster, American Society for Environmental History Conference, Madison, WI, March 2012.
- "Struggles in God's Land: Continuity, Competition, & Development along el Rio Brazos." Paper, American Society for Environmental History Conference, Phoenix, AR, April 2011 (panel organizer).
- "Prairie-fairies, Posy-Pickers, Tree-Huggers: Nature, Gender, and the White Male Leadership of the Radical Environmental Movement." Paper, American Society for Environmental History Conference, Portland, OR, April 2010.
- "Where Rivers Flow, Cities Grow: A Conversation between Environmental and Urban Historians." Paper, Western Social Sciences Conference, Albuquerque, NM, April 2009.
- "Building off the 'Great Tohomoho' An Urban-Environmental History of Waco, Texas, and the Middle Brazos River." Paper, Mid-America Conference on History, Springfield, MO, September 2008.

Forthcoming

• Panelist, "Bluebonnets and Bullets: The Environmental Legacy of Militarization in Texas during World War II," Texas State Historical Association, College Station, TX, February 2024.

Invited Lectures

Master Teacher Series

• Perspectives from the Semi-Finalists and Finalists, Master Teacher Series, Angelo State University, San Angelo, TX, Fall 2021.

Public Lectures

- "Curled Collars and Stained Shirts: A History of Keeping Cool in Texas," History Lecture Series, Angelo State University, San Angelo, TX, Fall 2021.
- "Dog Days, Cat Naps and 'Fiery Old Sol' A History of Keeping Cool in Texas." Invited Lecture, Portal to Texas History/Digital Libraries Division, University of North Texas, Denton, TX, April 2019.
- "Mucking it up: A History of Rivers, Politics, and Improvements in Texas." Invited Lecture, Special Collections, University of North Texas, Denton, TX, July 2018.
- "Dam Dreams along the Brazos River: A Review of *Unruly Waters*." Invited Lecture and book signing, Brazoria County Historical Museum, Angleton, TX, June 2016.
- "Unruly Waters, Dam Dreams and the House that Art Built: A (Brief) History of Development Along the Brazos River." Invited Lecture, Texas Collection, Baylor University, Waco, TX, October 2015.
- "Riparian Acne, a Muddy Stream, and Outright Insolence by the Brazos River: A Top Ten List of One River's Resistance to Development." Invited Talk, Lions' Club, San Angelo TX, October 2015.
- "To highlight the hills, to corral the creeks: Mapwork along the Brazos River." Invited Lecture, Texas Map Society, Baylor University, Waco, TX, April 2014.
- "We have devastated the land: Environmental Thought, Ruination and the American Civil War." Invited Lecture, Civil War Lecture Series, Angelo State University, San Angelo, TX, January 2014.
- "The Brazos River and the Baylor Archives A History of Floods and Droughts, a Story of Resilience and Stubbornness." Invited Lecture, Texas Collection, Baylor University, Waco, TX, March 2013.
- "Environmental Degradation in the Former Soviet Union: A History." Invited Lecture, Russian Enrichment Program, Angelo State University, San Angelo, TX, November 2011.

Roundtables

- "Meanings of Nature A Roundtable," Environmental History Week. Panelist and Organizer, Dr. Arnoldo De León Department of History, Angelo State University, San Angelo, TX, March 2022.
- "To School or Not to School: A Graduate School Roundtable." Panelist, Dr. Arnoldo De León Department of History, Angelo State University, San Angelo, TX, November 2021.
- Screening of Latino Americans History Series, Episode 5: "Prejudice and Pride (1965 1980)." Discussion Moderator, Angelo State University in partnership with the National Endowment for the Humanities and the American Library Association, San Angelo, TX, October 2015.
- Screening of Latino Americans History Series, Episode 1: "Foreigners in their own Land (1565 1880)." Discussion Moderator, Angelo State University in partnership with the National Endowment for the Humanities and the American Library Association, San Angelo, TX, September 2015.
- "Running (Out of) Water." Panel discussion, San Antonio Book Festival, San Antonio, TX, April 2015.
- Christopher Morris' Big Muddy: An Environmental History of the Mississippi and its Peoples from Hernando de Soto to Hurricane Katrina. Roundtable, Annual Conference of the Society for Literature, Science, and the Arts, Dallas, Texas, October 2014.

C.R.A.S.H. Program

• "Increasing Confidence and Exam Scores through Note-Taking Skills," Core Values Program in Culturally Responsive Teaching, Angelo State University, San Angelo, TX, Summer 2022.

Forthcoming

• "Castle Bravo: Environment and War in the Atomic Age." History Lecture Series, Angelo State University, San Angelo, TX, Spring 2024.

Media Interviews

Documentaries

 Historical Consultant to Chris Scott, "What about Waco, Episode 1: A Bridge and Troubled Water" (July 2017).

Podcasts, Television, and Digital Media

- "Cameron Park Part 2." Podcast, Interview with Waco History Podcast, November 2021.
- "The Brazos River." Podcast, Interview with Waco History Podcast, April 2019.
- "Three Questions with Kenna Lang Archer." Interview with University Libraries, University of North Texas, Denton, TX, July 2018.
- "The Case of the Disappearing River." Podcast, Interview with Jason Ridgeway, December 2016.
- "New Books in History Podcast." Podcast, Interview with Dr. Christine Lamberson, May 2016.
- "Keeping Cool." Television interview with Rob Harris and KIDY Fox, August 2015.
- "The Brazos River and the Texas Collection." YouTube Interview with Texas Collection, Baylor University, Waco, TX, November 2011.

Newspapers

• Interviewed by Baylor Lariat. In "Brazos untamed: a battle between man and nature" by Josh Day, March 2013.

- Interviewed by Waco Tribune-Herald. In "Lecture to Reveal Brazos River has been Tough to Tame" by J.B. Smith, March 2013.
- Interviewed by Lubbock Avalanche Journal. In "Earth Day grows from grassroots effort in 1970 to global phenomenon" by Alyssa Dizon, April 22, 2010.
- Interviewed by Waco Tribune-Herald. In "Study: Cameron Park's forest fragile, threatened by humans and invasive species" by J.B. Smith, September 2007.
- Interviewed by Baylor Lariat Newspaper. In "Study finds clues to history, development of Cameron Park" by Shannon Daily, August 2007.
- Interviewed by Baylor Public Relations Office. In "First Historical Look at Waco's Cameron Park Emerges from Baylor Study" by Matt Pene, June 2007.

Honors, Awards, And Fellowships

Teaching and Pedagogy

- Faculty Learning Commons Mini Grant, Angelo State University, 2022.
- Finalist, President's Award for Faculty Excellence Teaching, Angelo State University, 2021.
- Nominee, Robert Foster Cherry Award for Great Teaching, Baylor University, 2021
- Outstanding Laboratory Teaching Award, Department of Environmental Studies, Baylor University, 2006.

Research

- Wardlaw Research Fellowship, Texas Collection, Baylor University, 2020.
- First Year Faculty Research Grant, Angelo State University, 2020.
- The Portal to Texas History Research Fellowship, Digital Collections, University of North Texas, 2018.
- U.N.T. Special Collections Research Fellowship, Special Collections, University of North Texas, 2018.
- Moody Research Grant, Lyndon B. Johnson Presidential Library, University of Texas, 2014 (declined).
- Wardlaw Research Fellowship, Texas Collection, Baylor University, 2011.
- John and JD Dowdy Memorial Congressional Research Endowed Fellowship, Poage Legislative Library, Baylor University, 2011.
- Helen Jones Foundation Dissertation Fellowship, Texas Tech University, 2010.
- Paul Whitfield Horn Fellowship, University Women's Club, Texas Tech University, 2010.
- Summer Dissertation Research Award, Graduate School, Texas Tech University, 2010.
- Cash Family Endowed Fellowship (sole recipient), Texas Tech University, 2009.
- William and Madeline Smith Research Travel Award, Dolph Briscoe Center for American History, University of Texas, 2009.
- David and Winifred Vigness Memorial Scholarship, Department of History, Texas Tech University, 2008.
- David and Winifred Vigness Memorial Scholarship, Department of History, Texas Tech University, 2007.

Service

Nominee, President's Award for Faculty Excellence – Service, Angelo State University, 2023.

General

- Nominee, Gary and Pat Rodgers Distinguished Faculty Award, Angelo State University, 2022.
- Nominee, Gary and Pat Rodgers Distinguished Faculty Award, Angelo State University, 2020.

- Wonderful Woman of A.S.U., Angelo State University, 2015.
- Outstanding Graduate Student, Department of History, Texas Tech University, 2008.
- Gus Glasscock Scholarship, Department of Environmental Studies, Baylor University, 2005.
- Clara Yates Wieland Endowed Scholarship, Department of Environmental Studies, Baylor University, 2004.

Service Activities

University Service

- Secretary, Faculty Senate, Angelo State University, May 2023 pres.
- Faculty Senator, Angelo State University, Summer 2022 pres.
- Member, ADA Committee on Accessibility of Facilities & Services, Fall 2019 Spring 2021
- Advisor, Green Action Club, Angelo State University, Summer 2019 2020.

Chair, Departmental Committees

- Chair, History Lecture Series Advisory Committee, Angelo State University, Fall 2021 present.
- Chair, Departmental Merit Pay Committee, Angelo State University, 2021.
- Chair, Assistant Professor of History (Texas) Search Committee, Department of History, Angelo State University, 2019 – 2020
- Chair, Scholarship Committee, Department of History, Angelo State University, Fall 2019 pres.

Member, Departmental Committees

- Member, Hardeman Endowed Chair Committee, Department of History, Angelo State University, Spring 2023 – present.
- Member, Assistant Professor Geography Search Committee, Department of History, Angelo State University, 2022 – 2023.
- Member, Office Coordinator Search Committee, Department of History, Angelo State University, Spring – Summer 2022.
- Member, Faculty Advisory Committee for T.S.A.R. Undergraduate Journal, Angelo State University, Spring 2021 – pres.
- Member, Departmental Tenure and Promotion Policy Committee, Fall 2020 pres.
- Member, Departmental Curriculum Committee, Angelo State University, Spring 2020 pres.
- Member, ADA Committee on Accessibility of Facilities & Services, Fall 2019 Spring 2021
- Member, Visiting Assistant Professor of History Search Committee, Department of History, Angelo State University, 2018 – 2019
- Member, Geography Search Committee, Department of History, Angelo State University, 2018 2019
- Member, Instructor of History Search Committee, Department of History, Angelo State University, 2018 - 2019

Miscellaneous Departmental Service

- Organizer, History Lecture Series, Angelo State University, Spring 2021 pres.
- Moderator/Light User, Departmental Website, Angelo State University, Fall 2020 pres.
- Departmental Representative, Experience ASU Academic Department Fair, Angelo State University. San Angelo, Texas. Fall 2015

Service to the Profession

- Historian, State Board of Review, National Register of Historic Places, Fall 2021 present
- Judge, Texas History Days, Texas State Historical Association. 2014, 2015 (Captain), 2020 2023.
- Member, Book Award Committee, Center for the Study of the American West, West Texas A&M University, Canyon, Texas, 2019 – 2022.
- Board Member, West Texas/Eastern New Mexico Phi Beta Kappa Association. Lubbock Texas. Fall 2017 – present.
- Organizer, "Cyber Conflict: Present and Future Challenges in the Cyber Domain," Lecture with Paul Springer, Hosted by the West Texas/Eastern New Mexico Phi Beta Kappa Association, April 2017.
- Volunteer Archival Assistant, Fort Concho National Historic Landmark, March 2012 July 2014
- Volunteer, "When Indians Play Indian: A Symposium," Texas Tech University, Lubbock, Texas. November 2009.

Community Service/Engagement

- Member, Design and Historic Review Commission, San Angelo, Texas, Spring 2023 present.
- Mentor, Texas Research Institute for Young Scholars, San Angelo Independent School District, Spring 2023.
- Judge, Children's Art Contest, Christmas at Old Fort Concho, Fort Concho National Historic Landmark. San Angelo, Texas. 2014 – 2019.
- Scholarship Committee, San Angelo Community Band. San Angelo, Texas. 2014 2015.
- Public Relations Liaison, Christmas at Old Fort Concho, Fort Concho National Historic Landmark. San Angelo, Texas. 2012 – 2013.
- Grant Review Panel, San Angelo Cultural Affairs Council. San Angelo, Texas. 2013.
- Board of Directors, San Angelo Symphony Orchestra. San Angelo, Texas. 2012 2014.
- Chair, Nominations Committee, San Angelo Community Band. San Angelo, Texas. 2012 2013.
- Vice-President of Membership, Golden Wave Alumni Association. 2011 2013.
- Board of Directors, San Angelo Community Band. San Angelo, Texas. 2009 2017.
- Secretary/Editor, Board of Directors, Golden Wave Charitable Foundation. 2009 2013.
- Vice-Chair, Publications Committee, Golden Wave Alumni Association. 2007 2009.
- Editor, Golden Wave Alumni Association. 2007 2008.

Professional Memberships

American Historical Association American Society for Environmental History Organization of American Historians Texas State Historical Association Western History Association