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EDUCATION

Oklahoma State University – Stillwater, Oklahoma

- Ph.D., History (May 2004)
- Major Field: American Social and Intellectual History
 - Emphasis on Gilded Age and Progressive Era, political thought 1763-1945, pragmatism, radical thought, American culture
 - Advisor: Dr. Ronald A. Petrin
 - Committee: Dr. Laura Belmonte, Dr. Joseph Byrnes, Dr. Michael Taylor
- Minor Fields: General U.S. History, Modern European History, American Philosophy
- Dissertation:
 - *Modernized Republicanism: American Socialists during the Progressive Era*
This study examines how American socialism developed in opposition to liberalism, utilized republican principles from a century earlier but put them to use in a modern industrialized society, and ultimately shaped the development of progressivism and the welfare state. The socialist complaints of government corruption, lack of democracy, dependency, and rampant individual license puts them squarely in the American intellectual tradition, even if they expressed these ideas in the Marxist idiom of class struggle. Their legacy should not be one of failure, but of an essential link between classical and corporate liberalism, even if the latter was far from what they desired.

University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee – Milwaukee, Wisconsin

- M.A., History (December 1996)
- M.L.I.S., Archives emphasis, (December 1996)

Carroll College - Waukesha, Wisconsin

- B.S., History and Mathematics (May 1993)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Bethany College: Assistant Professor of History, Aug. 2014-June 2017

· *100 Level*

American History to 1877

American History since 1877

World History since 1500

Introduction to Interdisciplinary Studies

Interdisciplinary Writing Intensive: The Dust Bowl and its Effects (team taught with English)

· *200 & 300 Level*

U.S. History, 1877-1945

U.S. History, 1945-present

Latin American History

Early Modern Europe

Europe during the Long Nineteenth Century

Twentieth Century Europe

Kansas History

Interdisciplinary Writing Intensive: Searching for Social Justice (team taught with English)

Interdisciplinary Research Intensive (Honors): World War I Historiography

Upper Iowa University: Assistant Professor of History, Aug. 2010-Aug. 2014

· 100 Level

American History to 1877

American History since 1877

World History since 1500

Honors Behavioral Science: World Perspectives on Social Justice (team taught with Sociology)

· 200 & 300 Level

World at War, 1914-1945

Modern World History

Atlantic Revolutions

Colonial and Revolutionary America

Industrialization and Reform, 1877-1914

Recent America: The United States since 1919

Ferris State University, Humanities Dept.: Temporary Full-time Instructor, Aug. 2004-May 2010

· 100 Level

United States History to 1877

United States History since 1877

Western Civilization since 1500

· 200 & 300 Level

American Cultural History since 1865 (delivered as internet only and face-to-face)

American Cultural History to 1865 (delivered as internet only and face-to-face)

Michigan History (delivered as internet only and face-to-face)

U.S. History, 1900-1945 (delivered as internet only and face-to-face)

U.S. History, 1945-present (delivered as internet only and face-to-face)

The Craft of History (Methods and Historiography)

The American Revolution (taught as independent study)

Oklahoma State University, Department of History: Teaching Associate, Jan. 2001 – May 2004

Western Civilization since 1500

Survey of American History

Oklahoma State University, Department of History: Teaching Assistant, Aug 1999 – sum 2003

Survey of American History

University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Dept. of History: Teaching Assistant, Jan 1995 – Dec 1996

History of the United States, 1607-1877

The High Middle Ages, 1066-1500

The Early Middle Ages, 300-1066

PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Publications:

- Thomas F. Jorsch, "Modernized Republicanism: The Radical Agenda of Socialists in Manitowoc, Wisconsin, 1905-1917," *The Historian* 70 (Winter 2008); 716-731.

Conference and Academic Presentations:

- "Roundtable on Digital History: Possibilities and Pitfalls," Kansas Association of Historians Conference, Overland Park, KS, April 14, 2017.
- "Commemorating World War I in Kansas, a Roundtable Discussion," Kansas Museums Association Conference, Leavenworth, KS, November 3, 2016.
- "Teaching the Dust Bowl: An Interdisciplinary Approach Between English and History," Kansas Association of Historians Conference, Baldwin City, KS, April 22, 2016. With Dr. Marcus Hensel.
- "Socialism in Madrid, Iowa, 1910-20," Mid-America Conference on History, Lebanon, IL, September 11, 2015.
- "Whatever Happened to the Socialists? American Socialism in the Wake of the Great War," Northern Great Plains History Conference, Sioux Falls, SD, October 9, 2014.
- "Martin Luther King, Jr. and the Strategy of Non-Violence," Upper Iowa University MLK Day Celebration, January 14, 2013
- "'Smash the Color Line': African Americans and American Communism," Upper Iowa University African History Month Presentation, February 22, 2012.
- "Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Opposition to the War in Vietnam," Upper Iowa University African American History Month Presentation, February 28, 2011.
- "Why Barack Obama is not a Socialist," Ferris State University Humanities Department Colloquium Series, Big Rapids, MI, October 22, 2009.
- "Socialism as a Form of Republicanism," Mid-America Conference on History, Springfield, MO, October 1, 2004.
- "Radicalism on Wisconsin's Eastern Shore: Socialism in Manitowoc, 1905-1917," American Historical Association Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., January 10, 2004.
- "Socialism and the Woman Question during the Progressive Era," OSU Department of History Colloquium Series, Stillwater, OK, March 7, 2003.
- "Americanized Socialism: The Use of Patriotic Rhetoric by American Socialists, 1894-1914," Mid-America Conference on History, Fayetteville, AR, September 20, 2002.
- "A Loss of Resolve: The Socialist Party of America, Progressivism, and the Trust Question, 1908-1912," Mid-America Conference on History, Stillwater, OK, September 20, 2001.
- "Digitization in the Archival Environment: Selection Criteria for Manuscript Collections," Society of Southwest Archivists, Austin, TX, May 1999.
- "WAVES Upon the Plains: Training of Women for Naval Service in Stillwater, Oklahoma," Oklahoma Historical Society, Ponca City, OK, April 23, 1999. With Steven L. Kite.
- "Milwaukee and the Bicycle, 1869-1900: The Impact of the Wheelmen on Social Change," Milwaukee Public Enterprise Committee, Milwaukee, WI, April 25, 1997.

Conference Participation:

- Panel chair and commentator, "Travel Bugs: Historical Impacts of Disease and Travel," Mid-America Conference on History, Lebanon, IL, September 11, 2015.
- Panel chair and commentator, "Early 20th Century Social/Political History," Mid-America Conference on History, Fort Smith, AR, September 20, 2014.
- Panel chair and commentator, "Media Scare Tactics," Mid-America Conference on History, Stillwater, OK, September 22, 2011.
- Panel chair and commentator, "Post Colonialism, U.S. Foreign Policy and Civil Conflict," Great Lakes History Conference, Grand Rapids, MI, October 9, 2010.

- Panel commentator, “The American Revolution, For Good and Bad,” Challenging Boundaries, Transcending Borders: Central Michigan University Graduate Student History Conference, Mt. Pleasant, MI, April 16, 2010.
- Panel chair and commentator, “Community History: Utopian Designs, Local Realities,” Mid-America Conference on History, Norman, OK, October 1, 2009.
- Panel commentator, “We, the People: Contesting Civic Identity in the Recent American Past,” Challenging Boundaries, Transcending Borders: Central Michigan University Graduate Student History Conference, Mt. Pleasant, MI, April 17, 2009.
- Panel chair, “In the Wake of the Great War,” Mid-America Conference on History, Springfield, MO, September 26, 2008.
- Panel chair, “American Social and Intellectual History in the Twentieth Century,” Mid-America Conference on History, Tulsa, OK, September 28, 2007
- Panel chair and commentator, “War in Photos and Writing: Memory and Representation of the First World War,” Great Lakes History Conference, Grand Rapids, MI, October 20, 2006.
- Panel commentator, “The Failure of Progressive Era Reform,” Mid-America Conference on History, Fayetteville, AR, September 14, 2006.
- Panel commentator, “Social Change in the Wake of the Great War,” Mid-America Conference on History, Lawrence, KS, September 24, 2005.
- Panel chair and discussant, “Cold War Culture,” Annual Meeting of the Southwest Social Science Association, New Orleans, LA, March 26, 2005.

Book Reviews:

- Thomas F. Jorsch. Review of Rosenow, Michael K., Death and Dying in the Working Class, 1865-1920. *The Annals of Iowa* 75 (Spring 2016): 182-183.
- Thomas F. Jorsch. Review of Arnold, Andrew B., Fueling the Gilded Age: Railroads, Miners, and Disorder in Pennsylvania Coal Country. H-SHGAPE, H-Net Reviews. January, 2015.
- Thomas F. Jorsch. Review of The History of the North Carolina Communist Party, by Gregory Taylor. *Florida Historical Quarterly* 88 (Fall 2009): 294-297.
- Thomas F. Jorsch. Review of Mach, Thomas S., "Gentleman George" Hunt Pendleton: Party Politics and Ideological Identity in Nineteenth-Century America. H-SHGAPE, H-Net Reviews. April, 2008.
- Thomas F. Jorsch. Review of Chicago's Progressive Alliance: Labor and the Bid for Public Streetcars, by Georg Leidenberger. *The Michigan Historical Review* 33 (Spring 2007): 154-155.
- Thomas F. Jorsch. Review of Cavalier in Buckskin: George Armstrong Custer and the Western Military Frontier, rev. ed., by Robert M. Utley. *Chronicles of Oklahoma* 80 (Winter 2002-03): 506-508.
- Thomas F. Jorsch. Review of Waltzing with the Ghost of Tom Joad: Poverty, Myth, and Low-Wage Labor in Oklahoma, by Robert Lee Maril. *Chronicles of Oklahoma* 80 (Spring 2002): 105-106.
- Thomas F. Jorsch. Review of Stalin's Letters to Molotov, 1925-1936, edited by Lars T. Lih, Oleg V. Haumov, and Oleg V. Khlevniuk. *Archival Issues* 21 (1996): 80-82.

Encyclopedia Articles:

- “Labor,” in *Encyclopedia of U.S. Political History, vol. 4 (1878-1920)*.
- “Press,” in *Encyclopedia of U.S. Political History, vol. 4 (1878-1920)*.
- “Third Parties” in *Encyclopedia of U.S. Political History, vol. 4 (1878-1920)*.
- “Victor Berger,” in *Encyclopedia of the Jazz Age*.
- “Elizabeth Gurley Flynn,” in *Encyclopedia of the Jazz Age*.

- “Louis Jolliet,” in *Colonial America: An Encyclopedia of Social, Political, Cultural, and Economic History*.
- “Father Jacques Marquette,” in *Colonial America: An Encyclopedia of Social, Political, Cultural, and Economic History*.

Educational Materials:

- Jorsch, Thomas F., ed. *Study Guide to Accompany “American Stories: A History of the United States*. New York: Pearson, 2009.
- Jorsch, Thomas F., ed. *Study Guide to Accompany “America Past and Present,”* 8th ed. New York: Pearson, 2006.
- Jorsch, Thomas F., ed. *Study Guide to Accompany “The American People: Creating a Nation and Society,”* 7th ed. New York: Pearson, 2006.

SERVICE, CONTINUING EDUCATION, HONORS, AND GRANTS

Service

Kansas Association of Historians, Executive Committee, April 2017-December 2017
 HLC Self-Study Committee, Bethany College, September 2015-June 2017
 Kansas World War I Centennial Commemoration Committee, July 2015-present
 Core Curriculum Advisory Committee, Bethany College, February 2015-June 2017
 Phi Alpha Theta Advisor, Bethany College, August 2014-June 2017
 Faculty Welfare Committee, UIU, August 2012-May 2013
 General Education Assessment Team, UIU, Jan 2011-March 2014
 Served on multiple Search and Ad Hoc committees for Liberal Arts Division, UIU
 General Education Task Force, Ferris State University, April 2009-May 2010
 Organizing Committee Ferris Non-Tenure Track Faculty Organization, 2008-2010
 Faculty Advisor for “Club History,” Ferris State University
 Academic Senate (representing adjunct and temporary faculty), Ferris State University, Nov. 2007 – May 2010
 Ferris State University Library/Historical/Archives Committee, Nov. 2007 – May 2009
 Peer reviewer for *The Historian*, *Florida Historical Quarterly*, and *Journal of American History*
 Judge for Science and Engineering Fair (Behavioral and Social Science category), March 2006
 Content Reviewer for Gary Nash, et al., *The American People: Creating a Nation and a Society*, 7th ed., March 2005

Continuing Education

“Doing Digital History: 2016,” Roy Rosenzweig Center for History in New Media, George Mason University, July 11-23, 2016.
 “The Gilded Age: A Seminar for Faculty Members,” directed by Dr. Richard White, Stanford University, July 2013. Sponsored by Council of Independent Colleges and the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History
 Pearson Learning Studio certification, spring 2013
 Plagiarism 101: Keys to Preventing Academic Misconduct workshop participant, Nov. 2007
 Improving Class Discussion workshop participant, Ferris State University, May 2007
 Part of pilot study for FerrisConnect (Blackboard), summer 2007
 Faculty Writing Institute participant, Ferris State University, May 2006
 WebCT Beginning Training and Advanced Training, summer 2005

Honors

Award of Academic Excellence for Best Fully Online Course, Ferris State University Office of Academic Affairs, April 2006
OSU Department of History Graduate Research Fellowship, April 2003, April 2004
Townsend Memorial Dissertation Fellowship, April 2002, April 2004
Nancy Randolph Davis Scholarship, November 2001
Oklahoma State University Distinguished Graduate Fellowship, May 2001
B.B. Chapman Endowed Scholarship, spring 2000 and spring 2001
Graduated *Cum Laude* from Carroll College, May 1993
Academic All-American (tennis), spring 1993

Grants

Kansas Humanities Council Heritage Grant for Digital Humanities project *Lindsborg During World War I: Sacrifice, Service, and Dissent*, \$3223, June 2016.
State Historical Society of Iowa Research Grant, \$1000, 2014/15.
Upper Iowa University Faculty International Grant. One of five faculty members awarded \$15,000 to study Social Justice issues in Cuba, June 2013.

OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE

Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, OK: Special Collections Librarian, Sep. 1997 – Aug. 1999
Academic Rank: Assistant Professor
Harley-Davidson Motor Company, Milwaukee, WI: Archival Consultant, May 1996 – Sep. 1997
Milwaukee Urban Archives, Milwaukee, WI: Archival Intern, May 1996 – August 1996

FOREIGN LANGUAGE

German: written translation competency

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Historical Association
Kansas Association of Historians
Phi Alpha Theta – Nu Chapter