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## Education

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Ph.D., History, University of Arkansas, Fall 2015.

Dissertation: "Intertribal Communication, Literacy, and the Spread of the Ghost Dance."

M.A., History, University of Arkansas, 2006.

Thesis: "Cumberland Presbyterianism in Northwest Arkansas, 1827-1865."

B.A., American Studies and History; Anthropology Minor, University of Arkansas, 2004.

## Professional Experience

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2023            Assistant Professor, University of Arkansas.

2022 - 2023   Assistant Professor, University of Florida.

2019 - 2022   Visiting Researcher, North American Studies, University of Helsinki.

2019 - 2021   Postdoctoral Fellow, Kone Foundation (Finland), HUMANA Project.

2012 - 2020   Instructor of Record, University of Arkansas.

2011 - 2012   Graduate Teaching Assistant, University of Arkansas.

## Publications

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### Book:

*We Do Not Want the Gates Closed between Us: Native Networks and the Spread of the Ghost Dance.* University of Oklahoma Press, 2020.

- 2021 Outstanding Western Book, Center for the Study of the American West.
- 2021 Beatrice Medicine Award, Association for the Study of American Indian Literatures and the Charles Redd Center for Western Studies.
- 2024 Smithsonian National Postal Museum Book Award.

### Articles and Book Chapters:

"Finnish Americanism and Indigenous Land on Sugar Island, Michigan," in *Finnish Settler Colonialism in North America: Rethinking Finnish Experiences in Transimperial Spaces* (University of Helsinki Press, 2022), 45-78.

"Vote as You Pray: The 1928 Election in Washington County, Arkansas." *Arkansas Historical Quarterly* 68 (Winter 2009): 338-417.

## Publications Continued

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"Divine Sanction from Cane Hill, Arkansas." *Ozark Historical Review* 34 (Spring 2005): 32-52.

### Reference:

*Gale Researcher Guide for: The Carlisle Indian School*. Gale, 2018.

### Book Reviews:

*Choctaw Confederates: The American Civil War in Indian Country*, by Fay A. Yarbrough, in *Arkansas Historical Quarterly*, forthcoming 2024.

*Converging Empires: Citizens and Subjects in the North Pacific Borderlands, 1867-1945*, by Andrea Geiger, in *Diplomatic History*, Vol. 48, No. 1 (January 2024).

*Massacring Indians: from Horseshoe Bend to Wounded Knee*, by Roger L. Nichols, in *Montana The Magazine of Western History*, Vol. 71, No. 3 (Autumn 2022).

*Indigenous Textual Cultures: Reading and Writing in the Age of Global Empire*, edited by Tony Ballantyne, et al., in *Western Historical Quarterly*, Vol. 53, No. 1 (Spring 2022).

*Empire's Tracks: Indigenous Nations, Chinese Workers, and the Transcontinental Railroad*, by Manu Karuka, in *New Mexico Historical Review*, Vol. 96, No. 2 (Spring 2021).

*Ned Christie: The Creation of an Outlaw and Cherokee Hero*, by Devon Mihesuah, in *Great Plains Quarterly*, Vol. 40, No. 1 (Winter 2020).

## External Awards, Fellowships, and Grants

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| 2024 | Smithsonian National Postal Museum Book Award.  |
| 2022 | National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Stipend.   |
| 2021 | Outstanding Western Book of the Year, Center for the Study of the American West, West Texas A&M University, for <i>We Do Not Want the Gates Closed between Us</i> .   |
| 2021 | Beatrice Medicine Award for Outstanding Book, Association for the Study of American Indian Literatures and the Charles Redd Center for Western Studies, for <i>We Do Not Want the Gates Closed between Us</i> . |
| 2021 | Best Paper, Early Career Researcher, Distant Communications Conference, for "Writing to Resist: Native American Letters to White Americans in the Early Reservation Years."                                     |

## **External Awards, Fellowships, and Grants Continued**

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- 2017 - 2018 Yale University Beinecke Library, Archibald Hanna, Jr. Fellowship.
- 2017 - 2018 American Philosophical Society, The Phillips Fund for Native American Research Grant.
- 2017 The Huntington Library - Western History Association Martin Ridge Residential Fellowship.
- 2009 Violet Gingles Award for "Vote as You Pray" article, Arkansas Historical Association, Best Manuscript.
- 2007 Patriotic Service American History Scholarship, National Society of the Colonial Dames of America.

## **Internal Awards, Fellowships, and Grants**

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- 2024 University of Arkansas Fulbright College Humanities Summer Research Stipend.
- 2023 Humanities Scholarship Enhancement Award, University of Florida Office of Research, Declined.
- 2017 University of Arkansas Fulbright College Humanities Summer Research Stipend.
- 2017 University of Arkansas Provost's Instructional Enhancement Grant.
- 2012 - 2014 Willard Gatewood Fellowship, University of Arkansas.
- 2014 History Department Research Travel Grant, University of Arkansas.
- 2011; 2012 Graduate School Travel Grants, University of Arkansas.
- 2005 Oscar Fendler Award for "Divine Sanction" article, University of Arkansas, Best Graduate Student Paper.

## **Teaching Experience**

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- Upper level: Native American History to 1864.  
Native American History Since 1864.  
American Frontiers.  
The West of the Imagination.  
Arkansas and the Southwest (Face-to-Face & Online).  
History of the American Indian.  
Indigenous History of Arkansas, Capstone Research & Writing Course.

## Teaching Experience Continued

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Modern American West, Senior Seminar.  
Frontier Practicum Course.  
Digital History (Spring 2025).  
Lower level: Approaching U.S. History through Data Science.  
History of the American People to 1877.  
History of the American People 1877 to Present (Face-to-Face & Online).

## Invited Presentations

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- 2024 "The US Post, Native Networks, and the Making of the American West," Paired Lecture with Cameron Blevins, Sid Richardson Museum, Fort Worth, TX, June 28.
- 2024 Crowder College History Symposium Speaker Series, March 7.
- 2022 The Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History, Book Breaks interview series, August 28.
- 2021 Center for the Study of the American West Award for Outstanding Western Book Reception and Lecture, West Texas A&M University, November 11.
- 2021 "Transimperial Settlers: The Finnish-Americanism of Frank Aaltonen and Oskari Tokoi." Settler Colonialism and Finnish Migration Seminar. Migration Institute of Finland, April 20.
- 2020 "The Wild West of Scotland: from Buffalo Bill to Outlander," Roundtable, University of Glasgow and the Being Human Festival, November 20.
- 2020 Presidential-Sponsored Roundtable, "Indigenous International Relations," Organization of American Historians Annual Meeting, Canceled due to Covid.
- 2019 "Intertribal Networks in the Colonized American West, 1870-1895." American Philosophical Society Library Symposium: "Networks: The Creation and Circulation of Knowledge from Franklin to Facebook," Philadelphia, PA, June 7.
- 2017 "Beyond the Reservation: Intertribal Communication in the Early Reservation Years." Invited talk, Museum of Native American History, Bentonville, AR, October 7.
- 2016 "We Want the Doors Left Open: Native American Networks of Communication in the Early Reservation Years." Maple Leaf and Eagle Conference for North American Studies, University of Helsinki, May 19.

## Conference Participation

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- 2023 "Indigenous Activism through Writing in the Nineteenth and Twentieth Centuries," Western History Association Conference, Los Angeles, October 28.
- 2023 "New Directions in Digital Western History," Roundtable, Chair, Western History Association Conference, Los Angeles, October 28.
- 2022 "Talking Railroads & Native America in the Great Basin," Roundtable, Railroads in Native America Gathering and Symposium, Ogden, Utah, May 20.
- 2022 "Finnish Americanism and Indigenous Land on Sugar Island, Michigan," Maple Leaf and Eagle Conference for North American Studies, University of Helsinki, May 20. Online.
- 2021 "Writing to Resist: Native American Letters to White Americans in the Early Reservation Years." Distant Communications Conference, Royal Historical Society, Social History Society (UK) & the AHRC Midlands4Cities DTP, July 22.
- 2020 "We Do Not Want the Gates Closed Between Us: Native American Networks Across the Colonized West, 1870-1895." Western History Association Conference, Albuquerque, October 16. Online.
- 2017 "Writing in Ways Unexpected: Native Americans Using Literacy in the Late 19th Century." American Historical Association Annual Meeting, January 7.
- 2012 "Through the Mail and Rail: The Spread of the 1890 Ghost Dance." Western History Association Conference, Denver, October 6.
- 2011 "Through the Mail and Rail: The Spread of the 1890 Ghost Dance." Missouri Conference on History, Kansas City, April 14.
- 2011 "Tracing the Ghost Dance Movement," Duke University Graduate Student Conference, Durham, NC, March 25.

## Digital Humanities Projects

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- 2019 – Pres. "Migration and Network Analysis: New Research Methods for Migration and Social Change Research." Member of HUMANA Research Project.  
<https://blogs.helsinki.fi/humananetworks/>
- 2020 "We Do Not Want the Gates Closed between Us," Interactive companion website to book, <https://www.nativeamericannetworks.com/>
- 2018 – Pres. "Native Networks of Communication in the North American West, 1870-1900." In development.

## Public Outreach

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- 2023 Presentation: "Sequoyah's Legacy." Mount Sequoyah Center, Fayetteville, AR, November 14.
- 2023 Podcast: "Mailin' It! - The Official USPS Podcast," "Native American Tribes and the Post Office."
- 2022 Presentation at Director's Meeting of the Council of the Great City Schools, November 15.
- 2022 Presentation: "Finnish Land and Labor on Sugar Island." Exploring Sugar Island's Early Finnish History, a public symposium presented by the HUMANA Project, January 15.
- 2021 Podcast: "90 Second Narratives" for *We Do Not Want the Gates Closed between Us*, May 24.
- 2020 Podcast: "New Books Network" Interview for *We Do Not Want the Gates Closed between Us*, November 24.
- 2020 Documentary: Interview on the Ghost Dance for "The Wild West of Scotland," produced by the University of Glasgow College of Arts, November 10.

## Editorial Experience

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- 2024 Editor, *Ozark Historical Review*.
- 2011 Editorial Assistant, *Arkansas Historical Quarterly*.

## Departmental Service

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- 2023-2024: Publications Committee. Editor of *Ozark Historical Review*.  
Hartman Hotz Lecture Committee.
- 2022-2023: Graduate Committee.  
Communications Committee.  
Organizer, Inaugural Alfred A. Cave Lecture; Speaker Claudio Saunt.