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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

University of Illinois, Urbana – Champaign

Associate Professor of Labor & Employment Relations (Fall 2018 –)

Associate Professor of History (Fall 2018 –)

Faculty affiliate, Unit for Criticism & Interpretive Theory (Fall 2014 –)

Assistant Professor of Labor & Employment Relations (Fall 2012 – Summer 2018)

Visiting Assistant Professor of Labor & Employment Relations (Fall 2011 – Summer 2012)

Macalester College

Visiting Assistant Professor of American Studies (Spring 2009 – Spring 2011)

Visiting Instructor of American Studies (Fall 2008)

EDUCATION

Ph.D. American Studies, Yale University (December 2008)

Dissertation: “Expanding the Strike Zone: Baseball in the Age of Free Agency”

M.Phil. American Studies, Yale University (May 2004)

M.A. American Studies, Yale University (December 2002)

B.A. Music, Wesleyan University (May 1998)

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

John T. Dunlop Scholar Award, Labor and Employment Relations Association, 2018

Project Member, Humanities Without Walls Research Challenge Grant for “The Classroom and the Future of the Historical Record: Humanities Education in a Changing Climate for Knowledge Production,” 2018 – 2020

Faculty Fellowship, Illinois Program for Research in the Humanities, 2016-17

Research Cluster grant for “Public History and Student Research,” Illinois Program for Research in the Humanities, 2015-16, renewed 2016-2017

2014 SABR Baseball Research Award, Society for American Baseball Research (for *Expanding the Strike Zone: Baseball in the Age of Free Agency*)

LER Travel Award, University of Illinois, 2012

New Americanist Working Group (member), Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts Grant, University of Notre Dame, 2010 – 2011

Robert M. Leylan Dissertation Fellowship, 2006 - 2007

Library of Congress Coca-Cola Fellowship for the Study of Advertising and World Culture, 2005-2006

PUBLICATIONS

BOOK

Expanding the Strike Zone: Baseball in the Age of Free Agency, University of Massachusetts Press, 2013

* Winner, 2014 Baseball Research Award, Society for American Baseball Research

REFEREED JOURNAL ARTICLES

“The Gridiron and the Gray Flannel Suit: NFL Football and the Modern U.S. Workplace,” *Journal of Sport and Social Issues*, vol. 42, no. 2 (April 2018): 132-48

“Not (Just) About the Money: Contextualizing the Labor Activism of College Football Players,” *American Studies*, vol. 55, no. 3 (2016): 19-34

“The Generation of Public Intellectuals: Corporate Universities, Graduate Employees and the Academic Labor Movement,” *Labor Studies Journal*, vol. 38, no. 1 (Spring 2013): 32-46

“Why Dwell on a Lurid Memory?: Deviance and Redevelopment in Boston’s Scollay Square,” *Massachusetts Historical Review*, vol. 9 (2007): 103-133

BOOK REVIEWS

Review of Robert F. Burk, *Marvin Miller, Baseball Revolutionary*, in *International Review for the Sociology of Sport*, vol. 51, no. 2 (March 2016): 246-7

Review of Larry G. Gerber, *The Rise and Decline of Faculty Governance: Professionalization and the Modern American University*, in *Journal of American History*, vol. 102, no. 2 (September 2015): 573-4

Review of Sean Burns, *Archie Green: The Making of a Working-Class Hero*, published in *Labor Studies Journal*, vol. 37, no. 3 (September 2012): 321-2

Review of Robert Peyton Wiggins, *The Federal League of Baseball Clubs: The History of an Outlaw Major League, 1914-1915*. *Journal of Sport History*, vol. 37 (2010): 187-8

Review of Russ Crawford, *The Use of Sports to Promote the American Way of Life During the Cold War: Cultural Propaganda, 1945 - 1963*. *Journal of Sport History*, vol. 36 (2009): 169

Review of Jonathan Cutler, *Labor's Time: Shorter Hours, the UAW, and the Struggle for American Unionism*. In *Labor Studies Journal* (Summer 2006): 106

Review of Timothy Morris, *Making the Team: The Cultural Work of Baseball Fiction*. In *Gateway: The Quarterly Magazine of the Missouri Historical Society* (Winter 2004-5)

MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION

“Public Works: A Cultural History of Public Sector Labor” (book project, under contract with University of Illinois Press, for the “Working Class in American History” series)

“Playing for the Company Team: Sport and the Modern U.S. Workplace” (book project)

INVITED LECTURES

“Unionism from Factories to Fields to Food Service, or, the Labor History of the Hot Dog,” Governors State University, University Park, IL, March 13, 2014

“Free Agency’s Borders: The Politics of Labor in Major League Baseball,” Yale University, New Haven, CT, October 17, 2013

“Free Agency’s Borders: The Politics of Labor in Major League Baseball,” Haverford College, Haverford, PA, October 9, 2013

“The Borders of Free Agency: Dominican Athletes in the Baseball World, 1975 – 2006,” Chicago Seminar on Sport and Culture, Newberry Library, November 14, 2008

“The Meaning of Marichal: Baseball in the American Century,” Library of Congress, Washington, DC, September 28, 2006

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

“Revisiting the Boston Police Strike of 1919,” 1917 – 2017 Fall Symposium, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, November 3, 2017

“Representing Teachers: Labor and Liberalism in Bel Kaufman’s *Up the Down Staircase*,” Labor and Working-Class History Association annual meeting, Seattle, WA, June 23, 2017

“Not (Just) About the Money: Contextualizing the Labor Activism of College Football Players,” American Studies Association annual meeting, Denver, CO, November 18, 2016

“The Blue Strike Wave: Reconsidering 1970s Police Unionism,” Labor and Employment Relations Association annual meeting, Minneapolis, MN, May 29, 2016

“Blue Strike Wave: The Rise and Reverberations of 1970s Police Unionism,” Organization of American Historians annual meeting, Providence, RI, April 9, 2016

“Organizing the Public and the Popular: TWU Local 100 in the Era of the Honeymooners,” Labor and Working-Class History Association annual meeting, Georgetown University, Washington, D.C., May 30, 2015

“Up for the Rising: Firefighters, Popular Culture, and the Struggle for the U.S. Public Sector,” Labor and Employment Relations Association annual meeting, Portland, OR, May 31, 2014

“Labor Education from the Archives: Lessons from the Early Years of the Steelworker Summer Institute at the University of Illinois,” United Association for Labor Education annual meeting, Los Angeles, CA, March 27, 2014

“Managing Fantasy Football: The Pleasures of Debt and the New Geography of Spectatorship,” American Studies Association annual meeting, Washington, D.C., November 24, 2013

“Imaginary Managers: Spectatorship and Human Resources in Fantasy Football, Labor and Employment Relations Association annual meeting, St. Louis, MO, June 6, 2013

“Up for the Rising: Firefighters, Popular Culture, and the Struggle for the U.S. Public Sector,” United Association for Labor Education annual meeting, Toronto, Ontario, April 2013

“Archie Green and the Labor History of the Public Sphere,” Organization of American Historians annual meeting, San Francisco, CA, April 2013

“Staging Politics and Protest at Managua’s Estadio Nacional,” Conference on Latin American History / American Historical Association annual meeting, New Orleans, LA, January 2013

“Contested Terrain: The Politics of National Commemoration in Managua’s Estadio Nacional,” American Studies Association annual meeting, San Juan, PR, November 17, 2012

“Hope, Change and Woody Guthrie: ‘This Land is Your Land’ and the Obama Inauguration,” Woody Guthrie at 100: Woody’s Legacy to Working Men and Women, Pennsylvania State University, State College, PA, September 8, 2012

“The Generation of Public Intellectuals: Corporate Universities, Graduate Employees and the Academic Labor Movement,” United Association for Labor Education annual meeting, Pittsburgh, PA, March 22, 2012

“Bulked-Up Ballplayers: A Global Labor History of Performance Enhancement,” American Studies Association annual meeting, Baltimore, MD, October 22, 2011

“Reconstructions of Ebbets Field,” American Studies Association annual meeting, San Antonio, TX, November 20, 2010

“Fathers Playing Catch with Sons: Constructions of American Masculinity in Postfordist Baseball Fiction,” American Studies Association annual meeting, Washington, DC, November 7, 2009

“Springsteen’s Civic Centers: Staging Public Culture in the Age of the Arena,” Glory Days: A Bruce Springsteen Symposium, Monmouth University, West Long Branch, NJ, September 26, 2009

“Uneven Developments: Baseball and Global Seattle, 1970-2001” American Historical Association annual meeting, Washington, DC, January 5, 2008

“The Audiopolitics of Global Customer Service,” Remapping America conference, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN, April 20, 2007

“Two Strikes: The Political Economy of Baseball in the Americas, 1980-81,” American Studies Association annual meeting, Oakland, CA, October 12, 2006

“Expanding the Strike Zone: Baseball’s World System in the Age of Free Agency,” Tepoztlán Institute for the Transnational History of the Americas, Tepoztlán, Mexico, July 31, 2006

“Forms of Global Discipline: A Case Study of Dominican Baseball Academies,” Biopolitics of Global Subjectivity conference, Yale University, March 24, 2006

“Expanding the Strike Zone: Baseball and the Politics of Cultural Work, 1966-1975,” Northeast Popular Culture / American Culture Association annual conference, Sacred Heart University, October 28, 2005

“Why Dwell on a Lurid Memory?: Deviance and Redevelopment in Boston’s Scollay Square,” Media(ted) Deviance conference, Plymouth State University, April 22, 2005

“The Politics of the Neoliberal University,” Left Forum, CUNY Graduate Center, April 16, 2005

“The Corporate University and the Public Intellectual,” Breaking Down the Ivory Tower: The University in the Creation of Another World, World Social Forum, Porto Alegre, Brazil, January 28, 2005

CONFERENCE PANELS CHAIRED

“Book Publishing in Sports Studies,” American Studies Association annual meeting, Chicago, IL, November 10, 2017

“Viewing the Peanut Gallery: An Open Forum on Studying Sports Fans,” American Studies Association annual meeting, Los Angeles, CA, November 9, 2014

MISCELLANEOUS LECTURES & PUBLIC TALKS

“Honoring Workers’ Sacrifices,” annual Workers’ Memorial Day remembrance, Champaign County AFL-CIO, Champaign, IL, April 28, 2016

“The Meaning of ‘Right to Work,’” Central Illinois Jobs with Justice community forum, Champaign, IL, April 25, 2015

“Baseball in the Age of Free Agency,” annual luncheon of the St. Louis chapter of the Society for American Baseball Research, January 25, 2014

“Expanding the Strike Zone: Baseball in the Age of Free Agency,” *Golf Magazine* “Varsity Letters” author series, New York, NY, October 10, 2013

“Expanding the Strike Zone: Baseball in the Age of Free Agency,” Urbana Exchange Club, September 19, 2013

“Seattle’s Global Mariners: Baseball’s Politics of Location, 1970 – 2001,” American Studies Colloquium, Macalester College, October 14, 2009

SELECTED PRESS COVERAGE AND MEDIA APPEARANCES

Taped interview, Not Another Sports Show, UPTV-6 (Urbana, IL), January 21, 2017

Quoted in *New York Times*, April 9, 2015

Live interview, World Labor Hour (WEFT, Champaign, IL), November 9, 2013

Expanding the Strike Zone reviewed in *Boston Globe*, November 9, 2013

Live interview (full 60-minute program) on “Focus” (WILL-AM, Urbana, IL), October 22, 2013

Interviewed as author of “Featured Book” (*Expanding the Strike Zone*) on “Only a Game,” nationally syndicated public radio program produced by WBUR, Boston, MA, October 19, 2013

OTHER PUBLISHED PIECES

“Janus v. AFSCME 31,” *Public i*, May 2018

“Making the Case for Campus Partnership and Labor Peace,” *Smile Politely*, March 17, 2016

TEACHING

University of Illinois at Urbana – Champaign (2011 – present)

Credit courses:

GCL 201: Frameworks for Inequality and Cultural Understanding
LER 100: Introduction to Labor Studies
LER 110: Labor and Social Movements
LER 120: Contemporary Labor Problems
LER 199: Work and Labor in the Sports Industry

Labor extension courses and programs:

Annual institutes for members of the United Steelworkers of America (USW), the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees (AFSCME), the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW), and the Illinois Postal Workers Union (IPWU)

Specialized courses and “open enrollment” programs for workers and adult learners

- Introduction to Labor History
- Advanced Labor History
- Labor and Working-Class History in Film
- Workers Fight Back: Perspectives on Contemporary Labor Struggles
- The Implications of “Right-to-Work” for the Labor Movement
- Effective Communication for Union Members
- “Just Cause” in Discipline and Discharge Cases
- Labor Arbitration in Professional Sports
- Communities Under Attack: Economic Policy In Context
- Anti-unionism in Historical Context
- Public Sector Unionism: Past, Present, & Future
- Building and Rebuilding the Labor Movement
- Understanding *Janus v. AFSCME*

Independent Studies:

The History of Baseball in the Dominican Republic (graduate-level)
Public History internship (undergraduate)
U.S. Labor History (undergraduate)

Reader, senior honors thesis, Department of History, May 2016

Macalester College (2008 – 2011)

American Studies 101: Explorations of Race and Racism
American Studies 194: Race and Sound in Modern American Culture
American Studies 200: Critical Methods for American Studies Research

American Studies 250: Race, Place and Space
American Studies 294: Race and Masculinity in Modern United States History
American Studies 294: Baseball: The Cultural Politics of Race and Nation

Independent Studies and Internships advised:

The Cultural History of Masculinity in Revolutionary Latin America
Folk Music in U.S. History
Jazz and Race in American Culture, 1945 - present
Internship with Midwest AIDS Training and Education Center

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Guest editor, special issue of *Journal of Sport and Social Issues* (“Consuming Athletic Labor,” 2018)
Co-editor, special issue of *American Studies* (“Sport in the University,” 2016)
Editorial Board, *Journal of Sport and Social Issues* (January 2015 –)
Editorial Committee, Labor and Employment Relations Association (2015 –)
Graduate Essay Prize Committee, North American Society for Sport History, 2014-15
Board member, Archie Green Fund for Labor, Culture, and History, Jan. 2016 –
Founding member, Sports Studies Caucus, American Studies Association

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

LER Executive Committee (Fall 2017 –)
LER Admissions Committee (Fall 2018 –)
UIUC Senate Committee on Public Engagement & Institutional Advancement (Fall 2018 –)
IPRH Advisory Committee (Fall 2018 –)
Search Committees, School of Labor & Employment Relations (Summer 2017, Fall 2017, Fall 2018)
Chair, ad-hoc committee on LER undergraduate program (2017-18)
UIUC Senate Committee on Committees (2017-18)
Senator, UIUC Academic Senate (2016-18)
Co-Director, IPRH Public History Research Cluster (2015-17)
University Senate Committee on the Library (2015-18)
UIUC Working Group on Education for Society’s Grand Challenges (spring 2014)
Academic Affairs Committee, UIUC School of Labor and Employment Relations (2012-13)
Library Committee, UIUC School of Labor and Employment Relations (2011-12; 2013-14; 2015-17)

OTHER TEACHING AND RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Americorps Fellow, Peace Games, Boston, Massachusetts, July 2000 – June 2001
Research Assistant, Martin Luther King, Jr. Papers Project, Stanford University, June – December 1999

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

American Studies Association
Labor and Employment Relations Association
Labor and Working-Class History Association
North American Society for Sport History
Organization of American Historians
United Association for Labor Education