Education

Ph.D., American History, University of Delaware
Minor Concentration: Material Culture/Public History

M.A., American History, Villanova University

M.A., English/American Literature, Villanova University

B.A., English/American Literature, Immaculata College

Courses Taught

Undergraduate: The American City & Suburb; American Regionalism; Roadside America; Americans and Historical Memory; Introduction to Public History; The American Home; US History, 1877-1914; America in the Twenties; America in the 1930s; United States from 1877 to Present; American Civilization; Pennsylvania History; **Graduate:** Reading Seminar, American Society 1815-1919, Emergence of Modern America, 1877-1929, The American City & Suburb; Consumerism in America

Teaching Experience

Fall 2013 - Present; Assistant Professor, West Chester University, West Chester, PA

American History Surveys, American Civilization; The American City, Gilded Age/Progressive Era, 1920s, 1930s, Public History, History of Pennsylvania

Fall 2004-Spring 2006; Spring 2007-Spring 2013; Full-time Adjunct, West Chester University, West Chester, Pa.

Fall 2005- Summer 2013; Adjunct, University of Delaware, Newark, Delaware

Upper level courses (Americans and Historical Memory; The American City, American Regional Cultures and Landscapes, as well as United States History, 1877-1918; America in the Twenties; United States, 1914-1945. Provide lectures for the Introductory Colloquium for the Material Culture Studies Minor.

AY 2003-04; Visiting Professor, American History/American Studies, Dickinson College, Carlisle, Pa.

Fall 2000 – Fall 2007; Adjunct, University of Pennsylvania (College of General Studies); St. Joseph's University, Philadelphia; Millersville University, Millersville, Pa.

June 2005-09; 2011-15 - Reader, Advanced Placement U.S. History essays, College Board, Princeton,

Score advanced placement essays, attend several history lectures, and engage in professional development workshops for nine days each June.

Public History Experience

- 1995 1999, Asst. Educator/Coordinator of Volunteers, Rockwood Museum, Wilmington, Delaware
 - -- Developed and assisted with school/public programs for a Victorian house museum.
 - -- Helped reinterpret and rewrite the house tour.
 - -- Developed specialized tours for children and adults, including a tour focusing on Preservation issues.
 - -- Conducted workshops for teachers explaining how the museum tours and programs could support their Education Guidelines.
 - -- Recruited and trained docents for adult and school tours and conducting monthly meetings.
 - -- Designed first formalized training program for new docents.
 - -- Oversaw Victorian tea Program, including creating a relationship with Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Brownies to create lecture/tea program to support Courtesy Badge activities.
 - -- Managed Museum Store (ordered all inventory and supervised daily operation)
 - -- Wrote monthly museum newsletter, which included one researched article each month.

-- Attended conferences and workshops on volunteering and museum education programs, and participated in monthly meetings of the Brandywine 11, staff from other museums and cultural institutions in the Brandywine Valley discussing and coordinating activities..

2004-2006; 2008-2013 - Consultant Historian, Rockwood Museum, Wilmington, Delaware

In 2005-06, Contracted as Lead Historian, Research Committee, to research and write an interpretive plan to present the kitchen & work spaces of an upper-class Victorian house to the public, focusing on changing kitchen technologies and servants' lives. In Fall 2006, as part of the project I had the opportunity to travel to several other houses museums in Virginia, Maryland, and New Jersey to study other period kitchen restorations. Member, Friends of Rockwood Board.

1998-1999, Intern, Special Collections, University of Delaware Library

Processed the John F. Lewis Collection and several small manuscript collections relating mainly to Philadelphia and Pennsylvania history, researched the context of each collection and wrote the finding aids detailing the collections, their context, and possible uses to researchers. (20 hours/week.)

1995-2003, Research Historian/Lecturer, Newtown Square Day, Delaware County Historical Society. Helped plan and organize the first Newtown Square Day (First Saturday in June) opening historic sites to visitors. Researched the history of the Friends Meeting and Burial Ground, presented tours of both, organized volunteer guides, and gave public talks on Friends culture and architecture.

Writing

"Brinton's Green Stone and the Nation's Architectural Wealth," 19th Century (Victorian Society) [forthcoming]

"Brinton's Celebrated Green Stone in Chicago," Invited essay for Vernacular Architectural Forum, Conference & Tour Book, Annual Meeting, Chicago 2015. (Spring 2015].

"The Shop Around the Corner: Change, Continuity, and the Corner Grocery Store," in *Shopping: Material Culture Perspectives*, Rowman Littlefield. Deborah C. Andrews, Editor. November 2014.

"'A Working Man's Paradise': The Evolution of a Unplanned Suburban Landscape." *Winterthur Portfolio* Vol. 42, No. 4 (Winter 2008): 243-85.

"Farms Don't Pay': The Transformation of the Philadelphia Metropolitan Region Landscape, 1880-1914," *Pennsylvania History*, Vol. 27, No. 2 (Spring 2005): 194-227.

"Voices from the Meadows," Magazine of the Mary Baker Eddy Library, Vol. 4, No. 1 (Summer 2004): 3-9.

Republished in Anthology

"'A Working Man's Paradise': The Evolution of a Unplanned Suburban Landscape." *Winterthur Portfolio* Vol. 42, No. 4 (Winter 2008): 243-85. Included in: *Vernacular America* (e-anthology, ed. By Barbara Burlison Mooney (University of Chicago Press, 2014).

Encyclopedia Entries and Finding Aids

- "West Chester" (2,500 words); *The Encyclopedia of Greater Philadelphia*, Edited by Charlene Mires and Howard Gillette. [currently Published on-line; print version to be published by University of Pennsylvania]. (late 2015/early 2016)
- "Paschallville Street Sign" (1,000 words)); *The Encyclopedia of Greater Philadelphia* (late 2015/early 2016).

"Country Clubs" (2,000 words); The Encyclopedia of Greater Philadelphia, (Forthcoming Fall 2015).

- "Southwest Philadelphia" (2,000 words). The Encyclopedia of Greater Philadelphia, On-Line, May 2014.
- "Octavia Hill Association" (1,000 words). *The Encyclopedia of Greater Philadelphia*. Entry on-line, July 2012.
- Four entries (250-500 words) for *American Conservatism*: An Encyclopedia (Wilmington, Delaware: ISI Books, 2006). Philadelphia writers Owen Wister and Agnes Repplier, university president Nicholas Murray Butler, and urban reformer Jane Jacobs.
- Finding Aids: John Frederick Lewis Papers, William Clapp Papers, Alexander Wilson Papers, David Bigelow Parker Letterbook, and the Society of the Cincinnati: Toasts of the New Jersey Chapter, manuscript collections, Special Collections, University of Delaware Morris Library, 1998-1999.

Architectural Drawings

Newtown Square Meeting House, Newtown Square, Delaware County, Pennsylvania. Survey Number HABS PA-6233 (1997). Set of Measured drawings, photographs, and documentation, Historic American Buildings Survey, Library of Congress.

Recent Book Reviews

- James A. Jacobs. *Detached America: Building Houses in Postwar Suburbia*. MidCentury: Architecture, Landscape, Urbanism, and Design. (UVA, 2015). *Choice Reviews* (Just Received.)
- Kristin M. Szylvian. The Mutual Housing Experiment: New Deal Communities for the Urban Middle Class (Temple, 2015). *Choices Reviews*. (Recently Received)
- Fisher, Colin. *Urban Green: Nature, Recreation, and the Working Class in Industrial Chicago* (UNC Press, 2015). *Choice Reviews*, October 2015.
- Vitiello, Domenic. Engineering Philadelphia: The Sellers Family and the Industrial Metropolis (Cornell, 2013). Philadelphia Magazine of History & Biography (forthcoming 2015).
- Rottenberg, Dan. *The Outsider: Albert M. Greenfield and the Fall of the Protestant Establishment* (Philadelphia: Temple University Press, 2014). *Choice Reviews*, July 2015.
- Arnold, Stanley Keith. Building the Beloved Community: Philadelphia's Interracial Civil Rights Organizations and Race Relations, 1930-1970 (Mississippi, 2014). Choice Reviews, March 2015.
- Vitiello, Domenic. *Engineering Philadelphia: The Sellers Family and the Industrial Metropolis* (Cornell, 2013). *History: Reviews of New Books*, Vol. 43, Issue 3 (2015): pp. 94-95.
- Eby, Clare Virginia. *Until Choice do us Part: Marriage Reform in the Progressive Era* (Chicago, 2014). *Choice Reviews*, June 2014.
- Magnet, Myron. *The Founders at Home: The Building of America, 1735-1817* (W. W. Norton, 2014). *Choice Reviews*, March 2014.
- Black, Brian C. and Michael J. Chiarappa, *Nature's Entrepot: Philadelphia's Urban Sphere and Its Environmental Thresholds* ((Pittsburgh: University of Pittsburgh Press, 2012). *Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography*, Vol. 138, No. 1 (January 2014), 121-123.
- Richard Harris. Building a Market: The Rise of the Home Improvement Industry, 1914-1960 (Chicago, 2012). Choice Reviews, October 2013.
- Susan Reynolds Williams, *Alice Morse Earle and the Domestic History of America*. Public History in Historical Perspective series. University of Massachusetts Press, 2013. Choice Review, August 2013...

- Black, Brian C. and Michael J. Chiarappa, Nature's Entrepot: Philadelphia's Urban Sphere and Its Environmental Thresholds ((Pittsburgh: University of Pittsburgh Press, 2012). *Choice Reviews*, April 2013.
- Ryan, Brent D. Design After Decline: How America Rebuilds Shrinking Cities (Penn, 2012). Choice Reviews, January 2013.
- Schuyler, David. Sanctified Landscape: Writers, Artists, and the Hudson River Valley, 1820-1909 (Cornell, 1912). Choice Reviews, December 2012.
- Etienne, Harley F. *Pushing Back the Gates: Neighborhood Perspectives on University-Driven Revitalization in West Philadelphia* (Temple, 2012). *Choice Reviews*, September 2012.
- Baldwin, Peter C. In the Watches of the Night: Life in the Nocturnal City, 1820-1930 (Chicago: 2012). Choice Reviews, July 2012.

Recent Professional Conference Participation

- Presenter. "Colonial Revival Road Trips," Pennsylvania Historical Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, November 6-8, 2014.
- Presenter. "The Philadelphia Housing Association in the 1920s," Urban History Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, October 9-12, 2014.
- Presenter. "That Old Building Just Had to Go': Real Estate Advertising and the Creation of the Modern City." 19th Century Studies Association Annual Conference, Chicago, March 20-22, 2014.
- Presenter. "The Shop Around the Corner: Corner Grocery Stores in the Life of the Modern City." Pennsylvania Historical Association Annual Meeting, Harrisburg, PA, November 1-3, 2012
- Presenter. "Can't afford it! Oh, yes you can!": Financing a Home in Gilded Age Philadelphia." Society for American City and Regional Planning History, Baltimore, Maryland, November 17-20, 2011.
- Presenter. ""Why is it always the English documents that get saved?": The Colonial Revival in the Mid-Atlantic. Special Panel on Mid-Atlantic Culture. Mid-Atlantic Chapter, American/Popular Culture Association, Philadelphia, November 3-5, 2011
- Presenter. "From the Time of the Dinosaur Down to about 1900": Colonial Revivalists & the Presence of the Past," panel titled "History and Artifact." Int'l Conference, American Culture Association/Material Culture Focus Area panels, San Antonio, Texas, April 20-22, 2011.
- Presenter. "Local History: Resisting a Generic American Identity," Panel entitled "Local Varieties of Public History." National Council on Public History, Pensacola, Florida, April 6-9, 2011,
- Session Chair, "Race, Class, and Neighborhood." Vernacular Architecture Forum, Washington, D.C. May 19-22, 2010.

Recent Invited Talks

November 13, 2013. "You are Cordially Invited: Eating and Entertaining at Rockwood Estate." Let's Eat! The Material Culture of Food Series, Material Culture Studies Program, English Department, University of Delaware.

- March 18, 2013. Guest Speaker, "Recovering a Lost Landscape: The Meadows Neighborhood In Southwest Philadelphia." University of Pennsylvania Graduate Preservation Program, Spring Public Lecture Series, Dr. Aaron Wunsch.
- February 13, 2013 "'Country Clubs for Everyone': Corporate Country Clubs in America." Public Engagement with Material Culture Series, sponsored by the Material Culture Studies Program, University of Delaware, Academy of Lifelong Learning, Wilmington, Delaware.
- Nov. 21, 2012. Guest Speaker. "The American Country Club: Architecture for Suburban Sports." Material Culture Fall Colloquium. 2012 Theme: The Material Culture of Sports. Material Culture Studies Program, University of Delaware.
- May 20, 2012. "Rockwood's Edward Bringhurst and the Colonial Revival in the 1920s," Spring Public Lecture Series, Friends of Rockwood Museum, Wilmington, Delaware.
- March 21, 2012. "Brinton's Green Stone and the Nation's Architectural Wealth." Guest Speaker, Spring Lecture, Francis Harvey Green Library, West Chester University. Dr. Walt Cresson, Organizer, Reference Dept.
- October 2011. Talk, "Researching and Writing About Material Culture." Presented to Honors Program writing seminar to discuss material culture as a focus for writing assignments. Prof. Deborah C. Andrews, English Department, University of Delaware.

Manuscript/Textbook Reviews

Reviewer, *The Public Historian*, ms. article on a digital and local history topics (May 2011). Reviewer, *Pennsylvania History*, ms. Article on Levittown (2012)

Reviewer, Routledge Press. Textbook Proposal, American Visions, by Philip DeMare (September 2009).

Textbook Reviews

May 2015. Michael Schaller et al. *American Horizons*, Vol. II, Second Edition. Oxford University Press, Higher Education Group.

Conference Organized

October 23, 2014; Conference Organizer, "Creating, Displaying, and Revising American Identity" Phillips Autograph Library; Speakers from the mid-Atlantic and other regions plus keynote speaker. Funded by WCU Library Services and College of Arts & Sciences.

Professional Service Activities

2002-2014. Architectural Guide, Landmark Tours, Society for the Preservation of Philadelphia Landmarks Lead architectural walking tours of several late 19th/early 20th c. Philadelphia neighborhoods and Classical Revival West Chester, Pennsylvania (April-October). (Helped develop tour of West Chester.)

"'Quite Too Utterly Utter': A Review of the VSA London Summer School 2002" in *Alumni Association of the Victorian Society in America Summer Schools Newsletter*, 2002.

Fellowships and Awards

Victorian Society in America, 80% fellowship to attend the 2003 Newport Summer School (12 days). Victorian Society in America, 80% fellowship to attend the 2002 London Summer School (3 weeks). Bosley-Warnock Fellowship, Spring 2000, full-time funding to complete dissertation

Stewart Fellowship, Fall 1999, full-time funding to complete dissertation

Professional Affiliations

Society for American City and Regional Planning History Urban History Association
National Council for Public History
American Association for State and Local History
Pennsylvania Historical Association
National Council on Public History
Victorian Society in America (& Philadelphia Chap.)
Victorian Society (England)
Philadelphia Chapter, Society of Architectural Historians
Vernacular Architectural Forum