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### **EMPLOYMENT**

Lake Forest College, Assistant Professor of Environmental Studies, 2015-present  
Williams College, Visiting Assistant Professor of Environmental Studies, 2013-2015  
Tufts University, Lecturer on History, 2012-2013  
Harvard University, Lecturer on History and Literature, 2012-2013

### **EDUCATION**

Harvard University, Cambridge, MA. Ph.D., History of American Civilization, 2012.  
Dissertation: “Recovering Green in Bronzeville: An Environmental and Cultural History of the African American Great Migration to Chicago, 1915-1940”  
Advisors: Evelyn Higginbotham (co-director), Lawrence Buell (co-director), Davarian Baldwin, Andrew Kahrl  
Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN. M.A., American Studies, 2006.  
Thesis: “Hot Damned America: Evangelicalism, Environmental Stewardship, and the Climate Change Policy Debate”  
Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN. B.S., with Highest Distinction, Electrical Engineering, 2004.

### **PUBLICATIONS**

#### Monograph

*Landscapes of Hope: Nature and the Great Migration in Chicago* (Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 2017).

#### Peer Reviewed Articles

“Black Migrant Foodways in the ‘Hog Butcher for the World’” in *Chicago Environmental History*, Edited by William C. Barnett, Kathleen A. Brosnan, and Ann Durkin Keating (forthcoming from University of Pittsburgh Press, 2018).

“The American City and Environmental Pollution” in *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of American History*, Edited by Timothy Gilfoyle (forthcoming from Oxford University Press, 2018).

“‘My God, they must have riots on those things all the time’: African American Geographies and Bodies on Northern Urban Public Transportation, 1915-1940” in *Journal of Social History* 43.4 (Summer 2010): 973-988.

“Hot Damned America: Evangelicalism and the Climate Change Policy Debate” in *American Quarterly* 59.3 (September 2007): 645-668.  
Republished in *Religion and Politics in the Contemporary United States*. Eds. Marie Griffith and Melani McAlister. Baltimore, MD: Johns Hopkins UP, 2008: 119-142.

“A Fading Old Left Vision: Gospel-Inspired Socialism in Vonnegut's *Rosewater*” in *The Midwest Quarterly* 49.2 (Winter 2008): 161-178.

“Competence, Power, and the Nostalgic Romance of Piloting in Mark Twain's *Life on the Mississippi*” in *The Southern Literary Journal* 38.2 (Spring 2006): 1-18.

## **PUBLICATIONS, continued**

### **Review Essays**

“The Origins and Consequences of Our Fossil Fuel Addiction” in *Journal of Urban History* (forthcoming)

“Global Elites’ Power Over Urban Space: The Long History and Bleak Future of Segregating and Selling the City” in *Journal of Urban History* 40.6 (November 2014): 1161-1167.

### **Reviews**

Of *City in a Garden: Environmental Transformations and Racial Justice in Twentieth-Century Austin, Texas* in *Western Historical Quarterly* (forthcoming)

Of *The Routledge History of American Foodways* in *Environmental History* (forthcoming)

Of *Black Chicago’s First Century: 1833-1900* in *Middle West Review* (forthcoming)

Of *Where the River Burned: Carl Stokes and the Struggle to Save Cleveland* in *Journal of American Studies* 51.1 (February 2017): 279-281.

Of *Blood on Steel: Chicago Steelworkers and the Strike of 1937* in *History: Reviews of New Books* 44.2 (March 2016): 41.

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

### **Assistant Professor of Environmental Studies, Lake Forest College, Fall 2015 – present**

#### **Courses Taught**

Environmental Studies 260 / History 232 / American Studies 261, “American Environmental History,” Fall 2017, Fall 2016, & Fall 2015.

Environmental Studies 236, “Environmental Policy and Politics,” Fall 2017, Spring 2017, & Spring 2016.

Environmental Studies 484, “Restoring Native Wildlife: Motivations, Methods, and Mixed Outcomes (Senior Seminar),” Spring 2017.

Environmental Studies 363, “Apocalypse and Fear in the Post-World War II American Environment,” Spring 2017 & Spring 2016.

Environmental Studies 110, “Introduction to Environmental Studies,” Fall 2016 & Fall 2015.

Environmental Studies 223 / African American Studies 223 / American Studies 263, “African American Environmental Culture,” Fall 2016.

Environmental Studies 483, “Environmental Connections From Chicago to New Orleans (Senior Seminar),” Spring 2016.

Environmental Studies 358, “American Environment During the Great Depression,” Fall 2015.

#### **Theses Advised**

Shannen Cashman, forthcoming, Spring 2018.

Jennifer McTague, “An Economic Analysis of the Solar Energy Potential at Lake Forest College,” Spring 2017.

Benjamin Labaschin, “Energy Returns on Energy Invested and Glen Canyon Dam: The Usefulness of EROI in the Decommissioning of Hydroelectric Dams,” Fall 2016.

Ashley Garver, “‘I don’t. I don’t! I don’t hate it! I don’t hate it!’ The Function of Place in William Faulkner’s *Absalom, Absalom!*,” Spring 2016.

#### **Independent Studies Directed**

“Climate Change Politics,” Fall 2017.

### **TEACHING EXPERIENCE, continued**

#### **Visiting Assistant Professor of Environmental Studies, Williams College, Fall 2013 – Spring 2015**

Environmental Studies 309 / History of Science 309 / Science and Technology Studies 309 / Political Science 301, “Environmental Politics and Policy,” Spring 2015.  
Environmental Studies 212 / American Studies 214 / Africana Studies 218, “African American Environmental Culture from Slavery to Environmental Justice,” Fall 2013 & Spring 2015.  
Environmental Studies 252 / American Studies 252, “A Perfect Storm: How Economic and Environmental Disaster Defined America During the Depression,” Spring 2014 & Spring 2015.  
Environmental Studies 101, “Nature and Society: An Introduction to Environmental Studies,” Fall 2014 & Fall 2013.  
Environmental Studies 353 / American Studies 353, “Apocalypse in Post-War America: Environmental Fear from the Atomic Age to Climate Change,” Fall 2014 & Spring 2014.  
Environmental Studies 251 / American Studies 251, “Discovering New England’s Environmental Culture: From Howling Wildernesses to Managed Forests,” Spring 2014.

#### **Lecturer on History, Tufts University, Fall 2012 – Spring 2013**

History 83, “Cultural History of the African American Great Migration,” Spring 2013.  
History 34, “African American History Since 1865,” Fall 2012.

#### **Lecturer on History and Literature, Harvard University, Fall 2012 – Spring 2013**

History and Literature 98r, “History and Literature of the American West: Junior Tutorial,” Fall 2012 – Spring 2013.  
History and Literature 99, “Senior Thesis Tutorial,” Fall 2012 – Spring 2013.

### **SELECTED PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS**

- “Black Migrant Foodways in the ‘Hog Butcher for the World,’” American Society for Environmental History Annual Conference, March 2017
- “ ‘All the Earmarks of a Peonage Farm in the Southland’?: The Politics of African American Environmental Labor for the Civilian Conservation Corps in the Rural Midwest,” American Historical Association Annual Conference, January 2016
- “Black Panther Ecology: Environmental Justice and Survival in Oakland During the Black Power Era,” American Society for Environmental History Annual Conference, March 2015
- “African Americans in Unexpected Places: Environmental Labor in the Rural Midwest during the Great Depression,” Williams College Center for Environmental Studies talk, February 2015
- “ ‘A Tacit Proclamation of Achievement by the Race’?: Landscapes Built With African American Civilian Conservation Corps Labor in the Rural Midwest,” Massachusetts Historical Society Environmental History Seminar, February 2014
- “Reds on the Black Belt’s Green Grass: Depression-Era Dissent and Labor in Chicago’s Landscapes,” American Studies Association Annual Conference, November 2013
- “Building Trees and Building Men: Black Chicagoans and the Civilian Conservation Corps,” American Society for Environmental History Annual Conference, April 2013
- “Migration to ‘That Great Iron City’: African American Environmental Consciousness in Chicago,” W.E.B. Du Bois Institute Colloquium, Harvard University, November 2012

**SELECTED PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS, continued**

- “Rubber Feet Among Green Blades of Grass: Urban Transportation, Parks, and Interwar Chicago African Americans,” American Studies Association Annual Conference, November 2012
- “Re-Greening Bronzeville: Recovering African American Environmental Imagination during the Great Migration,” American Studies Association Annual Conference, October 2011
- “From Labor to Leisure in Nature: Black Migrants in Richard Wright’s Chicago,” Association for the Study of Literature and the Environment Biennial Conference, June 2011
- “Urban Parks and Rural Resorts during the Great Migration: Spaces for African Americans to ‘Keep Healthy’ in the Modern Metropolis,” Yale Environmental History Graduate Student Conference, March 2011
- “Building Community in (Booker T.?) Washington Park: From Racial Conflict to Black Uplift in Chicagoland’s Landscapes,” Social Science History Association Annual Conference, November 2010
- “The Environmental Justice Movement’s Lost Legacy: Recovering Participatory Environmentalism at the 1972 UN Stockholm Conference,” Harvard Graduate Student Conference on International History, March 2009
- “Climate as a Human Right: Exposing the Limits of Ecocentric Environmentalism?,” American Society for Environmental History Annual Conference, March 2008
- “From Genesis to the Gospels: the Evolving Evangelical Focus on Climate Change Science and Policy,” American Society for Environmental History Annual Conference, March 2007

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS, PARTICIPATION, AND SERVICE**

- American Historical Association
- American Society for Environmental History
- American Studies Association
- Association for Environmental Studies and Sciences
- Peer Reviewer, *Science as Culture* and *ISLE: Interdisciplinary Studies in Literature and Environment*
- Lake Forest Collaborative for Environmental Leadership, 2017
- Sustainability Committee, Lake Forest College, 2016-17
- American Studies Workshop Co-Chair, Harvard University, 2007-2009
- American Studies Graduate Student Organization Core Committee, Purdue University, 2005-2006
- American Studies Symposium Planning Committee, Purdue University, 2005-2006

**AWARDS, HONORS, AND FELLOWSHIPS**

- Chicago Fellow, Digital Chicago: Unearthing History and Culture (Mellon Foundation grant), Lake Forest College, 2017
- W.E.B. Du Bois Institute Fellow, Harvard University, Fall 2012-Spring 2013
- Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Whiting Dissertation Completion Fellowship, Harvard University, Fall 2011-Spring 2012
- Charles Warren Center Term Time Fellowship, Harvard University, Fall 2010

## **AWARDS, HONORS, AND FELLOWSHIPS**

History of American Civilization Summer Travel Grant for Dissertation Research, Harvard University, 2009 & 2010

Charles Warren Center Summer Travel Grant for Dissertation Research, Harvard University, 2009

*Journal of Social History* Graduate Student Essay Competition winner, “ ‘My God, they must have riots on those things all the time’: African American Geography and Bodies on Northern Urban Public Transportation, 1915-1940,” 2009

Chester E. Eisinger Prize for Outstanding Essay in American Studies, “Hot Damned America: Evangelical Entry into the Climate Change Policy Debate,” Purdue University, 2006

## **REFERENCES**

### **Glenn Adelson**

Chair and Associate Professor of Environmental Studies, Lake Forest College  
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### **Lawrence Buell**

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### **Andrew Kahrl**

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