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PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

Patty Limerick is a Professor of History and Environmental Studies at the University of Colorado and the Faculty Director and Chair of the Board of the Center of the American West. Limerick has dedicated her career to bridging the gap between academics and the general public and to demonstrating the benefits of applying historical perspective to contemporary dilemmas and conflicts. Best-known for *The Legacy of Conquest*, her acclaimed history of the West, Limerick is a prolific writer and speaker who regularly engages the public through books, essays, editorials, and speeches. Her work has been recognized with numerous awards, including a MacArthur Fellowship, and she has served as president of several professional organizations and done two tours on the Pulitzer Prize jury for nonfiction. Under her leadership, the Center of the American West recently celebrated its twentieth anniversary as a forum committed to the civil, respectful, problem-solving exploration of important, often contentious, public issues. In an era of political polarization and contention, the Center strives to bring out “the better angels of our nature” by appealing to the common loyalties and hopes of Westerners.

EDUCATION

BA, University of California – Santa Cruz, American Studies, 1972
Yale University, American Studies, PhD, 1980

TEACHING POSITIONS

Yale University, Teaching Assistant, 1974-1976

Yale University, Acting Instructor, American Studies, 1976-1978; Instructor, College Seminar Program, 1978-1980

Harvard University, Assistant Professor of History, 1980-1984

University of Colorado, Boulder, Assistant Professor of History, 1984-1987

University of Colorado, Boulder, Associate Professor of History, 1987-1991

University of Colorado, Boulder, Professor of History, 1991-present; Professor of Environmental Studies, 2001-present; Chair of the Board and Faculty Director, Center of the American West, 1995-present.

AWARDS & FELLOWSHIPS

Charles Warren Fellow, Harvard University, 1983-1984

Dean's Writing Prize for Best Book in the Social Sciences, University of Colorado, Boulder, 1986 (*Desert Passages*)

Chancellor's Writing Prize for Best Book in the Humanities, University of Colorado, Boulder, 1988 (*Legacy of Conquest*)

Council for the Advancement and Support of Education Gold Medalist, 1988 (one of nine runners-up nationally for Professor of the Year)

American Council of Learned Societies Fellowship, for fall of 1989

University of Colorado Faculty Fellowship, for the academic year 1989-1990

Member, first-place team (Ninth Street Garden Club), Multi-Cultural Counseling Center, University of Colorado, Knowledge Bowl competition, April 1989

University of California, Santa Cruz, 1990, Alumni Achievement Award

State Humanist of the Year, 1992, Colorado Endowment for the Humanities

MacArthur Fellow, 1995-2000

Hazel Barnes Prize, University of Colorado, 2001 (the campus's highest faculty prize for teaching and research)

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Desert Passages: Encounters with the American Deserts. Albuquerque: University of New Mexico Press, 1985.

The Legacy of Conquest: The Unbroken Past of the American West. New York: W. W. Norton & Company, 1987.

A Society to Match the Scenery. Gary Holthaus, Patricia Nelson Limerick, and Charles Wilkinson, eds. Niwot: University Press of Colorado, 1991. Including Limerick, "Progress or Decline: Evaluating Western History."

Trails: Toward a New Western History. Patricia Nelson Limerick, Clyde Milner, and Charles Rankin, eds. Lawrence: University Press of Kansas, 1991. Including Limerick, "The Trail to Santa Fe: The Unleashing of the Western Public Intellectual" and "What on Earth Is the New Western History?"

Something in the Soil: Legacies of Reckonings in the American West. New York: W.W. Norton & Company, 2000.

The Western Paradox. Bernard DeVoto. Edited and with an introduction by Douglas Brinkley and Patricia Nelson Limerick. New Haven: Yale University Press, 2001.

The Legacy of Conquest, The Unbroken Past of the American West 2006 Re-Release. W.W. Norton & Company, New York, London, Copyright 1987, Re-release took place on February 4, 2006

Articles

"The American Indian: Here to Stay." *Wilson Quarterly* vol. X, no. 1. (New Years 1986).

"Phantom Students: Diagnosis and Cure." Originally printed in the *Harvard Gazette*, then reproduced and placed in registration packets for Harvard students, presently reprinted in the *Little, Brown Freshman Reader*.

"Aloof Professors and Shy Students." In *On Teaching*, edited by Mary Ann Shea. University of Colorado Faculty Teaching Excellence Program.

Commentary in response to "*The Legacy of Conquest: A Panel of Appraisal*." *Western Historical Quarterly* (August 1989).

- “The Rendezvous Model of Western History.” In *Beyond the Mythic West*, Western Governors' Association. Salt Lake City: Peregrine-Smith, 1990.
- “What on Earth Is the New Western History?” *Montana: The Magazine of Western History* vol. 40, no. 3 (Summer 1990): pp. 6-64.
- “Persistent Traits and the Persistent Historian: Ray Allen Billington.” In *Writing Western History*, edited by Richard Etulain. University of New Mexico Press, 1991.
- “The Privileges and Perils of the Western Public Intellectual.” In *Encyclia: The Journal of the Utah Academy of Sciences, Arts, and Letters* vol. 68 (1991): pp. 1-32.
- “The Multicultural Islands.” *The American Historical Review* vol. 97, no. 1 (February 1992): pp. 121-135.
- “Second Views and Second Thoughts.” In *Revealing Territory: A Collection of Landscape Photography by Mark Klett*. Albuquerque: University of New Mexico Press, 1992.
- “Making the Most of Words: Verbal Activity in the American West.” In *Under an Open Sky: Rethinking America's Western Past*, edited by William Cronon, George Miles, and Jay Gitlin. New York: W.W. Norton, 1992.
- “The Case of the Premature Departure: American History Textbooks and the American West.” *Journal of American History* vol. 78, no. 4 (March 1992): pp. 1380-1394.
- “Imagined Frontiers: Westward Expansion and the Future of the Space Program.” In *Space Policy Alternatives*, edited by Radford Byerly. Boulder: Westview Press, 1992.
- “Disorientation and Reorientation: The American Landscape Discovered from the West.” *Journal of American History* vol. 7, no. 3 (December 1992): pp. 1021-1049 (to be reprinted in a book composed from this special issue on “Discovery”).
- “Haunted by Rhyolite: Learning from the Landscape of Failure.” (collaboration with photographer Mark Klett.) *American Art* vol. 6, no. 4 (Fall 1992). Reprinted in *The Big Empty: Essays on the Land as Narrative*, edited by Leonard Engel. Albuquerque: University of New Mexico, 1994.
- “The Significance of Hanford in American History.” *Washington Comes of Age*, edited by David Stratton. Washington State: University Press, 1993.
- “The Mountain West.” (with Aimee Nicole Blagg) and “The Natural Environment: The West.” (with W. Clark Whitehorn). In *Encyclopedia of American Social History*, edited by Mary Kupiec Cayton, Elliott J. Gorn, and Peter W. Williams. New York: Scribners, 1993.
- “The Canon Debate from a Historian's Perspective.” *Journal of Legal Education* vol. 43, no. 1 (March 1993): pp. 4-10.
- “What Raymond Chandler Knew and Western Historians Forgot.” In *Old West, New West*, edited by Barbara Meldrum. Moscow: University of Idaho Press, 1993.
- “Dancing with Professors: The Trouble with Academic Prose.” *New York Times Book Review*, October 31, 1993.
- “Impure Thoughts from Impure Places.” In *Arrested Rivers: Paintings of Chuck Forsman*. Boulder: University Press of Colorado, 1994.

“John Sutter: Prototype for Failure.” In *John Sutter and a Wider West*, edited by Kenneth Owens. Lincoln: University of Nebraska Press, 1994.

“The Adventures of the Frontier in the Twentieth Century.” In *The Frontier in American Culture: Essays by Richard White and Patricia Nelson Limerick*, edited by James Grossman. Berkeley: University of California Press, 1994.

“Banning Writ Large.” In *The Stories That Shape Us*, edited by Teresa Jordan and James Hepworth. New York: W. W. Norton, 1995. pp. 216-232.

“Will the Real Californian Please Stand Up?” *California History* vol. LXXIII (Winter 1994/1995): pp. 262-277.

“Haunted America.” In *Sweet Medicine: Sites of Indian Massacres, Battlefields, and Treaties: Photographs by Drex Brooks*. Albuquerque: University of New Mexico Press, 1995: pp. 119-163.

“Turnerians All: The Hope for a Helpful History in an Intelligible World.” *American Historical Review* vol. 100, no. 3 (June 1995): pp. 697-716.

“The Frontier.” In *Handbook of American Thought*, edited by Richard Fox and James Kloppenberg. Oxford, U.K.: Blackwell, 1995: pp. 255-259.

“Peace Initiative: Using the Mormons to Rethink Ethnicity in American History.” *Journal of Mormon History* vol. 21, no. 2 (Fall 1995): pp. 1-29.

“The West” (with Jon Coleman). In *The Encyclopedia of the United States in the Twentieth Century*, edited by Stanley Kutler. New York: Charles Scribner's Sons, 1995: pp. 81-99.

“Common Cause? Asian American and Western American History.” In *Privileging Positions: the Sites of Asian American Studies*, edited by Gary Okihiro. Pullman: Washington State University Press, 1995: pp. 83-99.

“Reason and Region.” In *All Over the Map*, edited by Edward Ayer, Patricia Nelson Limerick, Stephen Nissenbaum, and Peter Onuf. Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, 1996: pp. 83-104.

“The Real West.” In *The Real West* (a catalogue for a collaborative exhibit of the Colorado Historical Society, the Denver Art Museum, and the Denver Public Library), 1996: pp. 13-22.

“Believing in the American West.” In *The West*, edited by Geoffrey Ward. New York: Knopf, 1996: pp. 207-213.

“A Pleasant Fellow in a Not So Pleasant Place: J. Smeaton Chase and His Trail of Good Nature.” (with Sharyn Yeoman). In *Perpetual Mirage: The Desert West in Photographic Books and Prints*. New York: Whitney Museum of American Art, 1996: pp. 99-103.

“Explaining Ourselves: Jefferson, History, and the Changing West.” In *Thomas Jefferson and the Changing West: From Conquest to Conservation*, edited by James P. Ronda. Albuquerque: University of New Mexico Press, 1997: pp. 185-194.

“Insiders and Outsiders: The Borders of the USA and the Limits of the ASA.” Presidential Address to the American Studies Association. *American Quarterly* vol. 49, no. 3 (September 1997): pp. 449-469.

“Has Minority History Transformed the Historical Discourse?” *American Historical Association Perspectives* vol. 35, no. 8 (November 1997): pp. 1, 32-36.

- “The Shadows of Heaven Itself.” In *The Atlas of the New West*, edited by William Riebsame. New York: W. W. Norton, 1997: pp. 151-178.
- “The Gold Rush and the Shaping of the American West.” *California History* vol. LXXVII, No. 1 (Spring 1998): pp. 30-41.
- “The Realization of the American West.” In *The New Regionalism*, edited by Charles Reagan Wilson. Jackson: University Press of Mississippi, 1998: pp. 71-98.
- “Seeing and Being Seen: Tourism in the American West.” In *Over the Edge: Remapping the American West*, edited by Valerie Matsumoto and Blake Allmendinger. Berkeley: University of California Press, 1999: pp. 15-31.
- “J.B. Jackson and The Play of the Mind: Inquiry and Assertion as Contact Sports.” *Geographical Review* vol. 88, no. 4 (October 1998): pp. 482-491.
- “Paradise Altered.” *Altered Landscapes*, edited by Peter E. Pool. Reno: University of Nevada Press, 1999. pp. 1-21. Introductory Essay.
- “‘This Perilous Situation between Hope and Despair’: Meetings along the Great River the West.” In *Great River of the West*, edited by William Lang. Seattle: University of Washington Press, 1999.
- “Dilemmas in Forgiveness: William Appleman Williams and Western American History.” *Diplomatic History* vol. 25, no. 2 (Spring 2001): pp. 293-300.
- “Going West and Ending Up Global.” *Western Historical Quarterly* vol. XXXII, no. 1 (Spring 2001): pp. 5-23.
- Death Valley in '49*. William Lewis Manly. Foreword by Patricia Nelson Limerick. Santa Clara, California: Heyday Books, 2001.
- “Land, Justice, and Angie Debo: Telling the Truth To—and About—Your Neighbors.” *Great Plains Quarterly* vol. 21, no. 4 (Fall 2001): pp. 261-173.
- “Hoping Against History: Environmental Justice in the Twenty-First Century.” In *Justice and Natural Resources*, edited by Kathryn Mutz. Washington, D.C.: Island Press, 2002.
- “Forestry and Modern Environmentalism: Ending the Cold War.” *Journal of Forestry*. December 2002.
- “Boom and Bust in the American West.” (with William Travis and Tamar Scoggin.) A Center of the American West Report. 2002.
- “What Every Westerner Should Know about Energy.” (with Claudia Puska.) A Center of the American West Report. 2003.
- “Making the Most of Science in the American West.” (with Claudia Puska.) A Center of the American West Report. 2003.
- “Empire and Amnesia.” In “The American West Enters the Twenty-First Century: Appraisals on the State of a field.” Special issue, *The Historian*, vol. 66, no. 3, edited by David M. Wrobel (Fall 2004): pp. 532-539.
- “The Lessons and Lesions of History: Yellowstone and Progress.” In *People and Place: The Human Experience in Greater Yellowstone*, edited by Paul Schullery. Yellowstone National Park: Yellowstone Center for Resources, 2004.
- “Tradition of III Temper Fades to Consensus.” *Arizona Republic*. May 2, 2004.

Sonoita Plain: Views from a Southwestern Grassland. Jane Bock and Carl Bock. Foreword by Patricia Nelson Limerick. Tucson: The University of Arizona Press, 2005.

“Cleaning Up Abandoned Hardrock Mines in the West: Prospecting for a Better Future,” Center of the American West, Reports from the Center Series, 2006.

Book reviews in *Western Historical Quarterly*, *Environmental Review*, *Business History Review*, *Arizona and the West*, *The Yale Review*, *Reviews in American History*, *American Historical Review*, *Journal of American History*, *Pacific Historical Review*, *Journal of Interdisciplinary History*, *New York Times Book Review*, *The Boston Globe*, the *Times Literary Supplement*, *Washington Post Book World*, and *Los Angeles Times Book Review*.

Newspaper Columns & Op-Ed Pieces

Columns in *USA Today* (total of 200); op-ed pieces in *Salt Lake City Tribune*, *Denver Post*, *Rocky Mountain News*, *Chronicle of Higher Education*, *Los Angeles Times*, and *New York Times*.

“What Makes an Indian,” *New York Times*, April 28, 1996.

“Violence Past and Present,” *Denver Post*, May 16, 1999.

“Caution! Nostalgia Ahead,” *Western Voices*, July 1999.

“Hypocrisy Alarms will Deafen Coloradans in 21st Century,” *Rocky Mountain News*, December 26, 1999.

“Trading Places to Find a Middle Ground,” *Denver Post*, January 1, 2000.

“Fresh look at Kit Carson Reveals a complex man,” *Denver Post*, March 12, 2000.

“Eleanor Gheres shared her love of Western History,” *Daily Camera*, March 30, 2000.

“Of Forty-Niners, Oilmen, and the Dot-Com Boom,” *New York Times*, May 7, 2000.

“Uncle Sam’s a Guy We Love to Hate,” *Headwaters News*, August 6, 2000.

“Story of the West Can Be Heard in its Song,” *Rocky Mountain News*, August 6, 2000.

“Railroaded History,” *Washington Post*, September 18, 2000.

“Facing Fire: Lessons from the Ashes,” *Boulder Camera*, July 29, 2001.

“Testing the Limits of the Western Dream,” *New York Times*, February 20, 2002.

“Followers of Fall,” *Daily Camera*, June 2, 2002.

“Inexhaustible Resources Still a Popular Myth,” *Headwaters News*, June 18, 2002.

“A Dream That Dares Disaster,” *Los Angeles Times*, July 7, 2002.

“Will Our Cherished Western Dream Go Up in Smoke?” *Los Angeles Times*, July 14, 2002.

“My Visit to the White House,” *Coloradan*, December 2002.

“Words on Nature Are Not Always Where You Expect Them,” *Wilderness*, 2002.

Coauthored with Andrew Hildner, "Spacious Western Skies Still Obscured by Pollution," *Daily Camera*, January 29, 2003.

"Convening to Plan Traffic Control in the West," *Denver Post*, February 16, 2003.

"Regret, Hope and the University of Colorado," *Daily Camera*, June 1, 2003.

"West Holds Key to Energy Puzzle," *Denver Post*, August 17, 2003.

"For One, Familiarity Breeds Camaraderie," *Rocky Mountain News*, September 18, 2003.

"Integrating Nature," *Reader*, 2003.

Coauthored with Charles Scoggin, "Fourth of July in Colorado: Region Has Grand History of Independence" *Denver Post*, July 4, 2004.

Coauthored with Dick Tharp, "Values of Sports Could Help Politics," *Daily Camera*, November 17, 2004.

Coauthored with Claudia Puska, "Region Has Many Views On the Issue," *Denver Post*, February 9, 2005.

"Hope and Gloom Out West," *New York Times*, June 22, 2005.

"Dining with Jeff," *New York Times*, June 25, 2005.

"Live Free and Soar," *New York Times*, June 29, 2005.

"Make Way for Angels," *New York Times*, July 2, 2005.

Coauthored with Tim Brown, "A Way to Clean Up Toxic Mines," *Denver Post*, February 5, 2006.

Coauthored with Tim Brown "Norton: Caught in a Vise of Expectation," *Denver Post*, March 19, 2006.

"Gale Norton's Legacy," *Denver Post*, March 19, 2006.

"Stewart Udall and James Watt, Former Interior Secretaries, To Speak At CU-Boulder April 20," *CU Boulder News*, April 6, 2006.

"Treacherous Territory," *Calendar Live*, June 18, 2006.

"Fighting Fires in an Overheated Climate," *Los Angeles Times*, July 23, 2006.

"West Wakes Up to Wildfires," *Los Angeles Times*, July 23, 2006.

TALKS & PRESENTATIONS

"Overland Travelers and the Desert." Institute of the American West Conference on "Colonies in Revolt." Sun Valley, ID, July, 1981.

"The Burdens of Western American History." University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT, May, 1982.

"Travelers in a Hostile Landscape – Desert Passages." Western History Association, Salt Lake City, UT, October, 1983.

“Closing the Frontier and Opening Western History.” Charles Warren Center, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, April, 1984.

“Water in Western American History.” West Point Military Academy, West Point, NY, April, 1984.

Comment at session re-evaluating Frederick Jackson Turner, Organization of American Historians, Minneapolis, Minnesota, April, 1985.

“The Burdens of Western History. Pomona College, Claremont, CA, October, 1985.

“Journalistic Writing in the West. American Studies Association, San Diego, CA, November, 1985.

Keynote speech, University of Utah conference on Women in Western American History, Salt Lake City, UT, March, 1986.

Public lecture and all-day writing workshop, Mountain West Writers' Conference, Logan, UT, August, 1986.

Public Lecture, Montana State University Humanities Seminars, Bozeman, MT, March, 1987.

Miller Lecture on Western American history, University of Utah, May, 1987.

Instructor, two-week Summer Institute, Buffalo Bill Historical Center, Cody, WY, June, 1987.

Lecture at annual meeting of the Colorado Historical Society, Denver, CO, November, 1987.

Lecture at annual meeting of the Pioneers' Museum, Colorado Springs, CO, January, 1988.

Comment at session on Southwestern writers and artists, Rocky Mountain American Studies Association, Albuquerque, NM, March 1988.

Comment at session on Western Women's History, Organization of American Historians, Reno, NV, March, 1988.

Donald Thompson Lecture, History Department, University of Wyoming, Laramie, WY, April, 1988.

Keynote Address, Pacific Northwest Historical Conference, Tacoma, WA, April, 1988.

Lecture in “Trails” Series, American West Center, Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO, June, 1988.

Lecture at Donald Worster's NEH College Teachers' Seminar on Western American Environmental History, Logan, UT, July, 1988.

Lecture at the conference of the Wyoming Council on the Social Sciences, Cody, WY, October 7, 1988.

Commentator.”Evaluating Patricia Limerick's *The Legacy of Conquest*,” Western History Association, Wichita, KS, October 14, 1988.

“Progress or Decline? Evaluating Western Expansion.” At the symposium, *A Society to Match the Scenery: Shaping the Future of the American West*, University of Colorado, Boulder, CO, October 19, 1988.

“Living with the Legacy of Conquest.” Walla Walla Educators' Colloquium Lecture, Walla Walla, WA, February, 1989.

“The Significance of Ghost Towns in American History.” Walla Walla College Distinguished Scholar Lecture, Walla Walla, WA, February, 1989.

Comment, session on New Trends in Western American Historiography, Organization of American Historians, April, 1989.

“From Warriors to Lawyers: The Native American Rights Fund in Historical Perspective.” At *Violence and Resistance in the Americas: The Legacy of Conquest*, Columbian Quincentenary Symposium, sponsored by the Smithsonian Institution and the University of Maryland, College Park, MD, May, 1989.

“Imagined Frontiers: the American West and the Future of the Space Program.” Sloan Space Policy Workshop, September, 1989.

Talk on the Western Myth at Anderson Ranch conference on “The Political Landscape,” Snowmass, CO, October, 1989.

Keynote address, “What Raymond Chandler Knew and Western Historians Forgot.” Western Literature Association, Coeur d'Alene, ID, October, 1989.

Comment, session on Thomas Jefferson and the West, Western History Association, Tacoma, WA, October, 1989.

“Revaluing the American West: The Significance of Ghost Towns in American History.” Paper presented at session at American Historical Association, San Francisco, CA, December, 1989.

“Failure and Defeat in Western Expansion.” Demorest Lecture, Casper College Humanities Festival, Casper, WY, January, 1990.

“California and the West: Banning Writ Large.” Address to the California Studies Association, Sacramento, CA, February, 1990.

Lecture, University of Alaska, Anchorage, AK, March, 1990.

Coordinator and introducer, “Inhabiting the Last Best Place: Limits, Opportunities, and the Future of the West.” full-day conference, University of Colorado, Boulder, CO, March 8, 1990.

“The Significance of Hanford in American History.” Pettyjohn Lecture, Washington State University, Pullman, WA, March 25-29, 1990.

Keynote opening and closing address, “Water and the West.” Conference of the Arizona State Archives, Tempe, AZ, March 30-31, 1990.

Comment, “The Arts and Material Culture.” American Studies conference at the University of California, Los Angeles, CA, April 12-15, 1990.

“The Significance of Ghost Towns in American History.” Colorado Historical Society, Denver, CO, April 17, 1990.

“Closing the Frontier and Opening Western History.” University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM, April 20, 1990.

“The Legacy of Conquest.” Williams College, Williamstown, MA, April 25, 1990.

Instructor, "And They All Lived Happily Ever After? The Twentieth Century West." Buffalo Bill Historical Center Summer Institute, Cody, WY, June, 1990.

Panel discussion, "Beyond the Mythic West," Western Governors' Association, Fargo, ND, July, 1990.

Comment, session on Public History, American Historical Association, Pacific Coast Branch, Salt Lake City, UT, August, 1990.

Presentation on the New Western History, to Colorado Governor Roy Romer and his senior staff, Denver, CO, September 21, 1990.

Summing up speech at the *Headwaters* Symposium, "Reopening the Western Frontiers." Western State College, Gunnison, CO, October 6, 1990.

Paper at session "Whose West Is It?" American Studies Association, New Orleans, LA, November 2, 1990.

Speech at "Idaho: The Second Century." Idaho Centennial Symposium, Boise, ID, November 16, 1990.

"John Sutter: Prototype for Failure." Final lecture in Sutter series, California State University, Sacramento, CA, December 5, 1990.

"Living with the Legacy of Conquest." Union Station Museum, Ogden, UT, February 8, 1991.

"Closing the Frontier and Opening Western History." Jersey City State College, Jersey City, NJ, February 20, 1991.

"The Re-Exploration of the American West: The Landscape Photography of Mark Klett." Furniss Lecture, Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO, February 27, 1991.

"Living with the Legacy of Conquest." American Civilization Program, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA, March 4, 1991.

"Unsettling the West." Participant in panel discussion launching an exhibit, "The West as America: Reinterpreting Images of the Frontier," National Museum of American Art, Washington, D.C., March 16, 1991.

Public lecture, Smithsonian Associates Program, March 18, 1991.

"The Re-Exploration of the American West." Kenin Lecture, Reed College, Portland, OR, March 27, 1991.

"The Re-Envisioning of the American West." American Civilization Program, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI, April 4, 1991.

Chair and commentator, session on Mexican-American and Mexican immigration history, Organization of American Historians, Louisville, KY, April 12, 1991,

"The Frontier and the Space Program." Davidson College, History Honors Lecturer, Davidson, NC, April 18, 1991.

Panelist, "Telling the Truth: The Craft of Nonfiction." State University of New York at Albany Writers' Institute, Albany, NY, April 20, 1991.

"The Re-Envisioning of the American West." Lower Columbia Community College, Longview, WA, May 2, 1991.

“The Rewriting of the American West.” Friends of the Marriott Library Annual Meeting, University of Utah, Salt Lake City, UT, May 9, 1991.

“The Perils and Privileges of the Public Intellectual.” Tanner Lecture, Utah Academy of Sciences, Arts, and Letters, Salt Lake City, UT, May 10, 1991.

Forum on “The West as America” exhibit, National Museum of American Art, Smithsonian, Washington, D. C., June 12, 1991.

“The Forest Reserves and the Argument for a Closing Frontier.” National Forest History Society, National Forests Centennial Conference, Missoula, MT, June 21, 1991.

“The Myth and Reality of Columbus.” Public lecture, Denver Natural History Museum, Denver, CO, June 24, 1991.

Speaker, Wyoming Conference on English, Laramie, WY, June 26-28, 1991.

“The Writing of Western History.” Southwest Texas State University, San Marcos, TX, July 5, 1991.

“Western History and Western Literature.” Fishtrap Writers' Conference, Wallowa Lake, OR July 12, 1991.

Faculty member, United States Information Agency foreign scholars' program, “American Culture: a Regional Approach,” Santa Fe, NM, July 22-26, 1991.

Public speech and one-day workshop, “The Rewriting of Western History.” Snake River Institute, Jackson, WY, August 2, 1991.

“Recovering from Turner.” Speech at “Re-Examining America's Frontier Heritage: The Eighteenth-Century Backcountry,” Shenandoah University, Winchester, VA, October 11, 1991.

Comment on session on Sacred Landscapes, Western History Association, Austin, TX, October 17, 1991.

Lorraine Frank Lecture, Arizona Humanities Council, Phoenix, AZ, November 15, 1991.

Presidential Lecture, University of Montana, Missoula, MT, February 13, 1992.

Andrew Norman Lecture, Colorado College, Colorado Springs, CO, March 4, 1992.

Humanities Lecture, University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS, March 26, 1992.

Tandy Lecture, Amon Carter Museum, Fort Worth, TX, April 23, 1992.

“Troubled Land.” Denver Art Museum symposium on the New Western History, Denver, CO, April 25, 1992.

“What Have We Done to the Columbia River?” Great River of the West Symposium, Vancouver, WA, May 3, 1992.

Speech in the “What Is an American?” series of the New York Historical Society, New York, NY, May 12, 1992.

Lecture at Carleton College, Northfield, MN, May 18, 1992.

Comment, “The New Significance of the American West.” Utah State University, Logan, UT, July, 1992.

“The Atomic West.” Evening speech at the University of Washington's conference on the Atomic West, Seattle, WA, September, 1992.

Panelist, with C. Vann Woodward, Peter Wood, and Neil Foley, on comparisons between Southern and Western history, Western History Association, New Haven, CT, October, 1992.

Speech at the Yale Art Gallery, New Haven, CT, October, 1992.

“Carey McWilliams Meets Columbus.” In the Quincentenary series at the University of California Berkeley, CA, October, 1992.

Chair and commentator at session, “The West as Place, the West as Process,” American Studies Association, Costa Mesa, CA, November, 1992.

Comment, session on Frontier Paradigms, American Historical Association, Washington, D. C., December, 1992.

Presenter, plenary session on multiple culture and the law, American Association of Law Schools, San Francisco, CA, January 1993.

“City and Country in the American West: Can This Marriage Be Saved?” Wood Lecture in Agricultural History, Texas Tech University, Lubbock, TX, February 19, 1993.

“Regions and Regionalism.” Harrison Lecture Series, presented jointly with Professors Edward Ayers and Peter Onuf of the University of Virginia, at the History Department, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD, March 17-19, 1993.

“Wise Women of the West.” Loyola University, Chicago, IL, March 25, 1993.

“Parts and Whole: Appraising Western Regionalism in American History.” Paper at the Organization of American Historians, Anaheim, CA, April 18, 1993.

“Re-Exploring the American West.” Dallas Art Museum, Dallas, TX, April 23, 1993.

Keynote address, Chisholm Trail Conference, Texas Christian University, Fort Worth, TX, April 25, 1993.

“Why the History of the American West Matters.” University of Cincinnati Fellows Lecture, Cincinnati, OH, May 4, 1993.

“Hope and Despair in Public Lands Management.” At “Conceiving the American West” conference, Lewis and Clark Law School, Portland, OR, May 13, 1993.

“The Lessons of Kennecott and Ketchikan: What I Missed When I Missed Alaska.” Alaska Humanities Forum Twentieth Anniversary Lecture, in Juneau, Fairbanks, and Anchorage, AK, May 20-23, 1993.

“Common Cause? Western American History and Asian American History.” Association for Asian American Studies, Ithaca, NY, June 4, 1993.

“Saving Professors from Themselves and Detoxifying Academic Prose.” Association of American University Presses, Snowbird, UT, June 27, 1993.

Course and Workshop on Women in Western History, team-taught with Teresa Jordan, Snake River Institute, Wilson, WY, July 15-18, 1993.

Presentations on environmental history, ethnic diversity, women's history, and Western art at N.E.H.-sponsored institute for public school teachers, on the American West, July 26-30, 1993.

"Precedents for Wisdom." Symposium on Wallace Stegner, University of Montana, Missoula, MT, September 17-18, 1993.

"Re-exploring the American West." Wisconsin State Historical Society, Madison, WI, September 23, 1993.

"What Frederick Jackson Turner Really Wanted." Keynote speech, Northern Great Plains Historical Conference, Pierre, SD, October 1, 1993.

"The Realization of the American West." Symposium on the New Regionalism, University of Mississippi, Oxford, MS, October 6-8, 1993.

"Massacres and Memory." Georgetown School of Law, Washington, D.C., November 4, 1993.

"The Adventures of the Frontier in the Twentieth Century." Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA, November 18, 1993.

Seminar on Western photographers and painters, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN, December 13, 1994.

"Diversity and Despair." American Council of Deans, Washington, D. C., January 21, 1994.

"The Columbia River as Environmental Symbol." Oregon State University, Corvallis, OR, February 10, 1994.

"Oregon as Borderland." Oregon Historical Society symposium on migration into the Pacific Northwest, Portland, OR, February 11, 1994.

"The Legacy of Bernard DeVoto." DeVoto Conference, Weber State University, Ogden, UT, February 17, 1994.

"Wise Women of the West." Organization of American Historians Lectureship, University of Missouri, Kansas City, MO, March 21, 1994.

"The Denver Art Museum as the Center of the Universe." Denver Art Museum, Denver, CO, March 29, 1994.

"The Metropolitan Mountains: Cities in the Shaping of the Northern Rockies." Conference on Environmental History, University of Montana, Missoula, MT, April 8, 1994.

"Living Right in the Rockies: The Impact of Wallace Stegner's Thought on Western Architecture" (with Jeffrey W. Limerick). First annual Wallace Stegner Lecture, Montana State University, Bozeman, MT, April 14, 1994.

Comment at session on the "Reorientation of Colonial American History." Organization of American Historians, Atlanta, GA, April 16, 1994.

"Haunted America." University of Wisconsin at Whitewater, Whitewater, WI, April 21, 1994.

"Change in the West." Plenary session, Bureau of Land Management Summit, Incline Village, NV, April 25, 1994.

"New Directions in Western American History." First presentation in Chairman's Lecture Series, National Endowment for the Humanities, April 28, 1994.

"Peace Initiative: Using the Mormons to Rethink Ethnicity in American Life." O.C. Tanner Lecture, Mormon History Association, Orem, UT, May 20, 1994.

Keynote Address, Australian and New Zealand American Studies Association, Melbourne, Victoria, AU, June 28, 1994.

“Space Exploration and the Frontier.” National Aeronautics and Space Administration conference, “What Is the Value of Space Exploration?” Washington, D.C., July 19, 1994.

“Will the Real Californian Please Stand Up?” Keynote address, California Historical Society, San Diego, CA, September 16, 1994.

“The New Western History and El Paso.” El Paso Humanities Alliance Lecture, El Paso, TX, October 6, 1994.

“The Frontier in Our Times.” Newberry Library, Chicago, IL, October 8, 1994.

Comment at session on Insects, Nuclear Waste, and Weeds, American Studies Association, Nashville, TN, October 29, 1994.

Summing-up commentary, “Thomas Jefferson and the Changing West: From Conquest to Conservation,” Missouri Historical Society, St. Louis, MO, November 18-20, 1994.

“History and the Periphery.” Conference in honor of the retirement of K. S. Inglis, Australian National University, Canberra, AU, December 3, 1994.

Comment, “The Frontier in American Culture,” American Historical Association/Newberry Library, Chicago, IL, January 6, 1995.

“Mormonism and Ethnicity.” Brigham Young University, Provo, UT, March 1, 1995.

Comment, “The Cultural Construction of the Western Landscape: Three Visions,” American Society of Environmental Historians, Las Vegas, NV, March 9, 1995.

“The Re-Exploration of the American West.” Gustavus Adolphus College, Saint Peter, MN, March 23, 1995.

Panelist, “Adventures in Publishing: Writing History for Targeted Markets.” Organization of American Historians, Washington, D.C., April 2, 1995.

“Natural Resources Management: A Legacy of Conquest?” at “Paradigms in Transition: Natural Resources Management in the New Century,” Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO, April 11, 1995.

“Toward a Less Perfect Union: Rethinking Ethnicity in American Life.” Emerson Lecture, Earlham College, Richmond, IN, May 3, 1995.

“The New Western History.” Public Lecture, New Mexico Endowment for the Humanities, Albuquerque, NM, June 16, 1995.

Keynote Address, Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies, Big Sky, MT, July 18, 1995.

Comment, “The Construction of Race and Ethnicity in the American West,” and “New Perspectives on North American Frontiers.” American Historical Association-Pacific Coast Branch, Maui, HI, August 4 and 5, 1995.

Keynote Address, American Association for State and Local History, Saratoga Springs, NY, September 8, 1995.

Keynote Address, Twenty-Fifth Anniversary of the Founding of *High Country News*, September 9, 1995.

“Life and the Wide Open Spaces.” At “*Looking at Life*,” University of Colorado, Boulder, CO, September 16, 1995.

“A History of the Public Lands Debate.” At “Challenging Federal Ownership and Management: Public Lands and Public Benefits,” Natural Resources Law Center, University of Colorado, Boulder, CO, October 11, 1995.

Comment, “Lesbian and Gay Communities in the American West,” Western History Association, Denver, CO, October 12, 1995.

“A Just and Honorable West: Western Public Intellectuals and Their Dreams.” Calvin Horn Lectures (series of four talks), University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM, October 29-November 1, 1995.

Comment, “North American Frontiers.” American Studies Association, Pittsburgh, PA, November 3, 1995.

“The Atomic West.” Annual Nevada Humanities Lecture, Reno, Elko, and Las Vegas, NV, November 17, 19, and 20, 1995.

“Believing in the American West: Religion and Region.” Annual Duval Lecture, History Department, New Mexico State University, Las Cruces, NM, December 1, 1995.

Panelist, with Arthur Schlesinger, Jr., Gary Nash, Clayborne Carson, Gordon Chang, Albert Camarillo, and George Frederickson, “Cultural Diversity in Writing and Teaching American History,” Stanford University, Stanford, CA, February 9, 1996.

Presenter and coorganizer, “Field Scientists and the Shaping of the American West.” Center of the American West, University of Colorado, Boulder, CO, March 15 and 16, 1996.

“Believing in the American West.” Annual History Department Lecture, Boise State University, Boise, ID, March 21, 1996.

“Believing in the American West.” George W. Rentschler Lecturer, American Heritage Center, University of Wyoming, Laramie, WY, April 18, 1996.

Keynote Speaker, Twenty-fifth Anniversary Conference, California Society of Archivists, Riverside, CA, April 26, 1996.

“Expert Fear: Anti-Science Sentiment in the 1990s.” Session on “Risk Perception and Communication: Academic and Practitioners' Perspectives,” International High Level Radioactive Waste Management Conference, Las Vegas, NV, May 2, 1996.

“Significance Moves West: Cowboys, Indians, Immigrants, Plutonium Workers, Montana 'Eccentrics,’” and “The War Between the States.” At “Breaking Boundaries: The Future of American History,” Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, May 6, 1996.

Panelist, “Writing America: Regions, Migrants, Immigrants.” At “U.S. Cultures: New Conversations,” University of Washington, Seattle, WA, May 11, 1996.

“A Historian's View of the Future of Colorado.” At “Economic and Demographic Projections Workshop,” Demography Section, Colorado Division of Local Government, Denver, CO, May 23, 1996.

“The Lessons of Western History.” Greater Yellowstone Coalition, West Yellowstone, MT, May 31, 1996.

“The Peculiar Ways of White People in the Late Twentieth Century.” Association for Asian American Studies, Washington, D.C., June 1, 1996.

“Adventures in Applied Humanities: An Historian's Campaign to Understand the Present-Day West.” Keynote Address, 1996 Colorado Judicial Conference, Breckenridge, CO, September 8, 1996.

Panelist, plenary session on Western History and Western Literature, joint meeting of the Western History Association and the Western Literature Association, Lincoln, NE, October 4, 1996.

“Weird West or Wild West: Figuring Out the Twentieth Century at the End of the Millennium.” Opening conference, Clements Center for the Study of the Southwest, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, TX, October 11, 1996.

“Insiders and Outsiders: The Borders of the Nation and the Limits of the ASA.” Presidential Address, and “Academics and Reporters: A Lived Experience in Cross-Cultural Contact.” At “Out of the Academy and into the Fire: Politicizing the Practice of American Studies,” American Studies Association, Kansas City, MO, October 31-November 3, 1996.

“Historical Perspectives on the Southwest.” Society of American Foresters Plenary Session, Albuquerque, NM, November 10, 1996.

Panelist, “Has 'Minority' History Transformed the Historical Discourse?” American Historical Association, New York City, NY, January 3, 1997.

“The Babyboomers' Frontier.” University of Washington, Seattle, WA, January 10, 1997.

“The All Too Relevant Bernard DeVoto.” At “Devoted to the American West: The Century of Bernard DeVoto,” University of New Orleans, New Orleans, LA, January 11, 1997.

The Babyboomers' Frontier.” Keynote Address, Annual Conference of the Society for the Interdisciplinary Study of Social Imagery, Colorado Springs, CO, March 14, 1997.

“Seeing and Being Seen: Tourism in the American West.” Women in Historical Preservation conference, Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ, March 15, 1997.

“The Atomic West.” Carl Becker Lectures, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY, March 31, April 1 and 2, 1997.

“The Babyboomers' Frontier.” Western State College, Gunnison, CO, April 19, 1997.

Organizer and host, “Seeing and Being Seen: Tourism in the American West,” Annual Conference of the Center of the American West, Boulder, CO, May 1 and 2, 1997.

Panelist, “Broader Philosophical Implications of the Scientific Search for Cosmic Origins.” Conference on “The Origins of Galaxies, Stars, Planets, and Life,” (co-sponsored by the University of Colorado and the University of Wyoming), Estes Park, CO, May 23, 1997.

“Reappraising Continuity in Western American History.” Japanese Association of American Studies, Aichi University, Japan, June 6, 1997.

“Colorado's Past and the Challenges Ahead.” Plenary Address, Colorado Municipal League, 75th Annual Conference, Snowmass, CO, June 25, 1997.

“The Babyboomers' Frontier.” Denver Public Library, Denver, CO, June 30, 1997.

“Anza's Historical Lessons.” Juan de Bautista de Anza Day, Poncha Springs, CO, August 22, 1997.

“The Legacy of Conquest.” Reynaldo J. Carreon Lecture, Palm Springs Desert Museum, Palm Springs, CA, September 26, 1997.

“The Lessons and Lesions of History: Yellowstone and Progress.” Keynote Lecture, conference in observance of the 125th Anniversary of Yellowstone National Park, Mammoth Hot Springs, MT, October 14, 1997.

Comment, “The Cold War West: Writing a New Western History.” Western History Association, St. Paul, MN, October 18, 1997.

Comment, “Academic Celebrity and Gender Politics.” American Studies Association, Washington, D.C., October 31, 1997.

“Unexpected Troubles: The Whitmans as the American West's Best Parable.” Keynote Address at “Examining the Collision of Cultures in an Age of Multiculturalism: The Whitman Tragedy, 1847-1997,” Whitman College, Walla Walla, WA, November 14, 1997.

“Plains Lives,” Banquet Speech, Great Plains Anthropology Association, Boulder, CO, November 21, 1997.
“The Atomic West.” Colorado Historical Society, Denver, CO, January 20, 1998.

“The Gold Rush and the Shaping of the American West.” Keynote Address, Gold Rush Sesquicentennial Conference, Oakland Museum, Oakland, CA, January 24, 1998.

Panelist, session on Ken Burns’ and Stephen Ives’ “The West.” Organization of American Historians, Indianapolis, IN, April 4, 1998.

“The New West.” Plenary session, Western Social Science Association, Denver, CO, April 17, 1998.

“Metric Moments of the 1990s: the Whitman Massacre and the California Gold Rush 150 Years Later.” Vassar College, Poughkeepsie, NY, April 15, 1998.

Debate on Heroes in American History, with Stephen Ambrose, Denver, CO, May 8, 1998 (broadcast on C-Span).

“The Advent of the New West.” Colorado Counties Inc., Crested Butte, CO, June 10, 1998.

“Way Out West: Regional Issues and Politics.” National Conference of State Legislatures, Las Vegas, NV, July 22, 1998.

“J. B. Jackson and the Play of the Mind: Inquiry and Assertion as Contact Sports.” At “J. B. Jackson and the American Landscape,” University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM, October 3, 1998.

“A Woman’s Life in the Rocky Mountains.” First Doris Hass Lecture, Boulder Public Library, October 28, Boulder, CO, 1998.

“History as Rodeo: Using the Public Humanities to Hold onto Your Seat.” Plenary address, national conference of the Federation of State Humanities Councils, Washington, D.C., November 20, 1998.

“Faces in the Crowd: The Individual in the Gold Rush.” California Gold Rush Sesquicentennial Lectures, Sacramento, CA, December 16, 1998.

“Inside and Outside: Reappraising the West as a Region in a Very Big Planet.” At session on “The Region in American History,” American Historical Association, Washington, D.C., January 8, 1999.

“The Future of Populist Politics.” Colorado College 125th Anniversary Conference, Colorado Springs, CO, February 6, 1999.

“The Solidarity of Dinosaurs: Technophobic Pride at the Edge of the Millennium.” Faculty Teaching Excellence Program Professional Lecture Series,” Boulder, CO, February 16, 1999.

“Exceptionalism’s Last Stand: Colonialism in Africa, the Middle East, and the American West.” Cooper Lecture, Trinity College, Hartford, CT, March 11, 1999.

“Geographical Aspects of the New Western History.” Lecture series on “Historical Geographies of the American West,” University of Nevada at Reno, Reno, NV, April 6, 1999.

“The Atomic West.” Annenberg Lecture, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA, April 13, 1999.

Forum with Nieman Fellows, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, April 14, 1999.

“Loving and Leaving California: The Golden State in the Rear View Mirror.” Stanford University, “Pacific Arcadia” conference, Stanford, CA, April 30, 1999.

“Glory Days: Regret, Nostalgia, and the Yearning to Reverse Time in the New West.” At The New West Conference, Northern Arizona University, Flagstaff, AZ, June 11, 1999.

“The Handbook for the New West.” Lewis Clark State College, Lewiston, ID, October 22, 1999.

Presenter, “Journalists, Scholars, and Historical Writing,” American Historical Association, January 8, 2000.

“Ethnicity and the Out of Doors: People of Color and the Appreciation of Nature.” Ray Allen Billington Lecture, Huntington Library, January 12, 2000.

“Ethnicity and the Out of Doors: People of Color and the Appreciation of Nature.” Rogers Fellowship Lecture, Phillips Academy, Andover, MA, January 27, 2000.

“The Relevant West: Writing Western American History in the Year 2000.” Commonwealth Fund Lecture, University College, London, U.K., February 18, 2000.

“The Atomic West.” Cambridge American History Seminar, Cambridge University, U.K., February 21, 2000.

“William Appleman Williams and Western American History.” Organization of American Historians, April 2, 2000.

“From Mountain Men to Valley Girls.” Public Affairs Officers, Bureau of Land Management, Las Vegas, NV, April 4, 2000.

“What Journalists Can Learn from History.” National Writers Workshop, Seattle, WA, April 9, 2000.

“Inheritance.” Sun Valley Center for the Arts, Ketchum, ID, April 13, 2000.

“People of Color and the Environment.” Earth Day conference, Region 8 Environmental Protection Agency, Denver, CO, April 20, 2000.

“Crossing the Divide between the Sciences and the Humanities.” Provost’s Lecture, Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO, April 27, 2000.

“Environmental Sciences and the General Public.” Scripps Environmental Journalism Conference, Boulder, CO, May 27, 2000.

Opening and Closing Addresses, Greater Yellowstone Coalition, Bozeman, MT, June 2-3, 2000.

“Inheritance.” At “A Western Family Reunion.” Sun Valley Center for the Arts, Ketchum, ID, June 24, 2000.

“The New West.” Stanford Alumni Association symposium on the West, Stanford, CA, July 12, 2000.

“The New West.” Address to the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation Board, July 15, 2000.

Opening address, “Listening to the West: Music in the Soul of a Region.” Center of the American West conference, Boulder, CO, August 11, 2000.

“Going West and Ending Up Global.” Western History Association Presidential Address, San Antonio, TX, October 13, 2000.

Coordinated “Facing Fire: Lessons from the Ashes.” Two day workshop, Center of the American West, Boulder, CO, February 16-17, 2001.

“Western Voices.” Plenary Luncheon Address, Association of College and Research Libraries, Denver, Colorado, March 16, 2001.

Commentator, “Nature’s Nation? Urban Environments and Environmental History.” American Society for Environmental History, Durham, NC, March 31, 2001.

“Going West and Ending up Global.” Smith Lecture, St. Thomas University, Houston, TX, March 22, 2001.

“Land, Justice, and Angie Debo: Telling the Truth To—and About—Your Neighbors.” At “Five Voices One Place,” symposium at the Center for Great Plains Studies, University of Nebraska, Lincoln, NE, April 7, 2001.

“Something in the Soil.” At “Fertile Soil: A Conversation about the Theory and Teaching of the New Western History,” Organization of American Historians, Los Angeles, CA, April 28, 2001.

Panelist, “The Contested Craft: Creating Historical Documentaries for Television.” Organization of American Historians, Los Angeles, CA, April 28, 2001.

Panelist, “The Near Term Global Context,” 2001 National Park Service Intermountain Region General Conference, “Stewardship: The Art of Collaboration,” May 14, 2001.

Summing up talk, Telluride Ideas Festival, June 16, 2001.

“The State of the State: The Changing Face of Colorado.” National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials, Denver, CO, Colorado, July 13, 2001.

“Judging Western History: From the Battlefield to the Courtroom.” Plenary Session at “Romancing the West,” Ninth Circuit Judicial Conference, Big Sky, MT, July 16, 2001.

“The Handbook for the New West.” Colorado Chapter of the American Planning Association, Aspen, CO, September 21, 2001.

Panelist, “National Park Service Round Table: Clash of Cultures.” Western History Association, San Diego, CA, October 5, 2001.

“Overview.” Native American Sacred Lands Forum, Denver, CO, October 10, 2001.

“Humanities without Restraint: Using History to Calm the West Down.” Center for Humanities, University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI, October 25, 2001.

“Place-Based Reconciliation: The New Western History Turns Middle-Aged.” Headwaters XII Conference, Western State College, Gunnison, CO, November 2, 2001.

“The Nature of Justice: Reconfiguring the Ethnic Boundaries of the Environmental Movement,” First Annual Betts Lecture, Howard R. Lamar Center for the Study of Frontiers and Borders, Yale University, New Haven, CT, November 14, 2001.

Chair, panel of academics and resource-users, Federal Land Policy and Managing Act (enabling act of the Bureau of Land Management) Twenty-Fifth Anniversary Conference, Boulder, CO, November 16, 2001.

Panelist, “Crossing a Continental Divide: Accounting for Religion in the American West,” American Academy of Religion, Denver, CO, November 18, 2001.

Co-organizer and co-moderator, “Resilience with Reason.” Center of the American West workshop on the regional boom/bust economy, Boulder, CO, November 30, 2001.

“The Solidarity of Dinosaurs: Technophobic Pride in the Twenty-First Century.” Organization of History Teachers, American Historical Association, January 4, 2002.

“Something in the Soil.” Historians’ Forums, Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History, New York City, NY, February 4, 2002

“Ending the Cold War between Foresters and Environmentalists.” Gifford Pinchot Lecture, Pinchot Institute for Conservation, Washington, D.C., February 8, 2002.

Commentator, “Integrating Multiple Histories of Western Pasts.” Opening plenary session, Society for American Archaeology, March 20, 2002.

“Historical Contexts for a Sustainable West.” At “Sustainability from a Tribal Perspective,” Council of Energy Resource Tribes, Denver, CO, March 21, 2002.

Chair of session, “The Nature of the Pacific World.” American Society for Environmental History, March 21, 2002.

“One Hundred Years of the Bureau of Reclamation: Looking from the Outside In.” Organization of American Historians, April 14, 2002.

“Family Feud: Reconfiguring the ‘Origin Story’ of Conservation and Environmentalism,” and “Prospects for Coexistence: Racial Equity and Environmental Well-Being.” Ena A. Thompson Lectureship, Pomona College, Claremont, CA, April 23 and 25, 2002.

Presentation, “John H. D’Arms and the Humanities: His Achievements, Our Future Course.” Plenary Session, American Council of Learned Societies, May 4, 2002.

“The History of Science in the American West.” Gilder Lehrman Institute for American History/National Park Service, Estes Park, CO, May 27-29, 2002.

“Reflections on the Bureau of Reclamation.” Keynote Speech, Bureau of Reclamation Centennial Conference, Las Vegas, NV, June 19, 2002.

“Ten Inarguable Reasons Why All Westerners Should Know More about Utah History.” Annual Utah History Address, Utah State Historical Society, UT August 16, 2002.

Alfred Packer Retrial, Littleton, CO, September 14, 2002.

Keynote Address on Western Women Writers, First Lady Laura Bush's White House Program on American Authors, Washington D.C., September 17, 2002.

"Wilde Times in Western History: A Veteran's Guide to Rethinking the Meaning of the American West." University of Oklahoma, Norman, OK, September 20, 2002.

"Dam Building and the New Western History." Moving Waters Culminating Conference, Northern Arizona University, Tempe, AZ, September 27, 2002.

"Trend in the American West." Colorado Chambers Council of Executives, October 2, 2002.

"Which Way's Up? Working with Progressive Era Policies When the Definition of Progress Is Up for Grabs." Starker Lecture, Oregon State University, Corvallis, OR, October 10, 2002.

Chair and Commentator, "The California Indians: Mediations of Gender, Class, and Polity in the Post-Gold Rush Era." Western History Association, October 18, 2002.

"Environment: Integrating Nature." Grant Makers in the Arts, Charlotte, NC, October 29, 2002.

Chair, "Lessons Learned in the Teaching American History Program's First Year: Partnerships in Professional Development." American Historical Association, January 3, 2003.

Guest Lecture, University of Wyoming, Laramie, WY, January 29-30, 2003.

"Preserving Western Heritage." Colorado Preservation Inc., Denver, CO, February 6, 2003.

"Shifting Mandates: Science and Society in the American West." At session on "Science, Ecosystem Management, and the American West," American Association for Advancement of Science, Denver, CO, February 15, 2003.

Organized and presided over Center of the American West conference on noise, sound, and silence in the National Parks, "The Silence of the Lands." Boulder, CO, February 20 and 21, 2003.

"The Handbook for New Westerners." University of Colorado Alumni Association Directors Club, Boulder, CO, March 1, 2003.

Shifting Paradigms in Western American History." Organization of American Historians Lecture, Utah Valley State College, Orem, UT, March 3, 2003.

"How Science Ruined and Now Promises to Redeem the West." University of California, Berkeley, CA, March 13, 2003.

"Development in the Rocky Mountain West." American Planning Association, March 31, 2003

Panelist, with Catherine and Wayne Reynolds, "The Smithsonian and Its Donors." Organization of American Historians, Memphis, TN, April 5, 2003.

"Which West is Wilder? Then or Now?" With Charles Scoggin, Tesoro Foundation, Golden, CO, April 13, 2003.

Participant, panel discussion, Council of Energy Resource Tribes conference, April 15, 2003.

"Racial Equity and Environmental Well-Being." Council of Foundations, April 28, 2003.

“The Rise of Regret in the American West: How to Tell Meaningful.” Healing the West, Center of the American West, Boulder, CO, May 7, 2003.

Panelist, “Interior Agencies and Local Communities.” Department of Interior Conference on the Environment, May 15, 2003.

“What’s a Patriot to Do?” Presentation with former Colorado Governor Richard Lamm, Chautauqua Reynolds Lecture, Boulder, CO, June 10, 2003.

“Twins Separated at Birth: The Reunion of the Sciences and the Humanities.” Ira and Ineva Baldwin Lecture, The Best Should Teach Program, University of Colorado, Boulder, CO, August 20, 2003.

Hosted “Inside Interior: Conversations with the Secretaries of the Interior on their Role in Shaping the West.” A Center of the American West series, Boulder, CO, September, 2003 to November, 2004.

“What Every Westerner Should Know about Energy.” Address to the eighty-member Board of Directors of the Independent Petroleum Association of the Mountain States Board of Directors, Denver, CO, October 2, 2003.

Panelist, with Mike Sullivan, former governor of Wyoming, National Trust for Historic Preservation National Convention, Denver, CO, October 3, 2003.

“What Every Westerner Should Know about Energy.” Colorado Property Tax Assessors, Denver, CO, October 21, 2003.

“What Every Westerner Should Know about Energy.” At “Don’t Be Left In the Dark,” a conference on Renewable Energy conference, sponsored by Colorado State Senators Dan Grossman and Ken Gordon, Denver, CO, October 30, 2003.

Participant in Shell Stakeholder Forum, Shell Energy Resources Company, Denver, CO, November 13, 2003.

“What Every Westerner Should Know about Energy.” Colorado Bar Association, Natural Resources and Energy Division, Denver, CO, November 14, 2003.

“History as a Remedy for Trouble: The Overwhelming Relevance of the Past to Our Times.” Annual Meeting, Boulder Historical Society, Boulder, CO, November 18, 2003.

Interview, All Things Considered, National Public Radio, Boulder, CO, November 29, 2003.

“Changing Values and Expectations in the West.” Forest Supervisors’ Conference, U.S. Forest Service, Nebraska City, NE, January 27, 2004.

“Familiarity Breeds Camaraderie: Life with My Republican Friends.” City Club of Denver, Denver, CO, March 2, 2004.

“The Hidden Cost of War.” Moderator, University of Colorado at Boulder, Boulder, CO, March 4, 2004.

Moderator, panel discussions at conference on “The Hidden Costs of War,” University of Colorado, Boulder, CO, March 6 and 7, 2004.

“Rocky Mountain Futures.” Panelist, Rocky Mountain National Park, Estes Park, CO, April 5, 2004.

“Familiarity Breeds Camaraderie: Life with My Republican Friends.” City Club of Denver, Denver, CO, April 5, 2004.

“Reflections on the U.S. Geology Survey’s First Century.” USGS Offices, Lakewood, CO, April 8, 2004.

“The Myth and Reality of Western Energy.” Environmental Protection Agency Region 8, Denver, CO, April 12, 2004.

“Urban/Rural Divorce.” Western Association of Counties, Ogden, UT, May 27, 2004.

“The Redemption of Liberalism.” With former Colorado Governor Richard Lamm, Chautauqua Reynolds Lecture, Boulder, CO, June 10, 2004.

“The Challenges of Leadership in the West.” Keynote Presentation, Colorado Municipal League Annual Conference, June 23, 2004.

“Naturalists, National Mission, and the Wonders of the West: The Lewis and Clark Expedition as a Parable.” Plenary Address, Ecological Society of America Annual Conference, Portland, OR, August 1, 2004.

Panelist, “Smart Development.” Colorado Oil and Gas Association Conference, Denver, CO, August 10, 2004.

“The Dynamic West: Change, Tension, and Promise in the Nation’s Most Interesting Region.” Western Democratic Caucus, Denver, CO, August 20, 2004.

“What Every Westerner Should Know about Energy: Managing the Hypocrisy of Consumers, Deepening the Self-Understanding of Producers, and Enhancing the Heroism of Electricity-Providers.” Rocky Mountain Electrical League, Vail, CO, September 13, 2004.

“Cleaning out the Western Heritage Closet: Deciding We Can Still Use and What We Can Give Back to Goodwill.” Keynote Address, Annual Conference on Sustainable Urbanism, sponsored by the Colorado Center for Sustainable Urbanism, Lakewood, CO, October 7, 2004.

Panelist, “Getting Back on the Horse: Teaching about the West II.” Western History Association, Las Vegas, NV, October 16, 2004.

Hosted Center of the American West workshop on “Abandoned Mines and Acid Mine Drainage Remediation.” Boulder, CO, October 21-22, 2004.

“The Applied Historian to the Rescue: Energy, the Environment, and the Escape from Polarization.” Keynote Address, Great Lakes History Conference, Grand Rapids, MI, October 30, 2004.

Panel Chair, “The Multiple Use Challenge.” U.S Forest Service Centennial Congress, Washington D.C., January 6, 2005.

“Irony, Tragedy, and Hope in Western American History.” Utah State University, Logan, UT, January 18-19, 2005.

“Across the Generations.” Humanities Lecture, Elko Cowboy Poetry Gathering, January 27 and 28, 2005.

“Why I Still Love Universities: The Center of the American West and the Partnership between Scientists and Humanists.” Department of Evolutionary and Ecosystem Biology, University of Colorado, Boulder, CO, March 4, 2005.

“Enduring Myths and Iconoclastic Realities.” Joint Keynote Address (with Terry Anderson), State of the Rockies Report, Colorado College, Colorado Springs, CO, April 4, 2005.

“The Atomic West.” At “Geographies of Fear and Hope,” plenary panel at the American Association of Geographers, April 6, 2005.

“Water in the American West: The Fight Goes On.” Luncheon speech at “Troubled Waters: Exploring Solutions for the Western Water Crisis,” Andrus Center for Public Policy, Boise State College, Boise, ID, April 19, 2005.

Inaugural Lecture, Jane and Douglas Johnson Legacy Lecture Series, CU Colorado Springs, Colorado Springs, CO, April 25, 2005.

“Caring for the National Parks: Dreams, Hopes, and the Public Lands.” Concluding lecture, Rocky Mountain National Park Lyceum, Rocky Mountain National Park, CO, May 14, 2005.

Panel Participant, Council of Energy Resource Tribes, Cabazon, CA, June 21, 2005.

Moderator and Commentator-all sessions, Colorado Oil and Gas Association, Denver, CO, August 1, 2005.

“Life at the Center of the American West: Using History to Unsnarl a Region.” PERC’s Annual Conference for Journalists, Emigrant, MT, September 15, 2005.

“You Used to be a Very Good Historian, What Happened to That?” Writers’ Panel at 8th World Wilderness Conference, Fulcrum Publishing, Anchorage, AK, October 3, 2005.

“Environmentalism, Green Religion, Scientism, and Forestry: Managing Conflicts.” Society of American Foresters, Fort Worth, TX, October 22, 2005.

“The Changing Face of the West: People, Places and Prosperity.” Western Governors’ Association, Scottsdale, AZ, November 7, 2005.

“The Fight for the Forefathers: Who Owns Theodore Roosevelt and Aldo Leopold?” Forest History Society at Duke University, Durham, NC, November 9, 2005.

“The Power to Disarm: Writing Well and Sneakily.” University of Portland, Portland, OR, November 17, 2005.

“True Stories of the American West.” Voice of America, Boulder, CO, January 5, 2006.

“The Urban/Rural Divorce: Caught in the Middle.” Quivira Coalition, Albuquerque, NM, January 13, 2006.

“National Park Service Scholars Forum: The National Park Service and Civic Reflection.” National Park Service, Philadelphia, PA, January 14, 2006.

“Twenty-First Century Western Womanhood: Capturing the Power of Gender Stereotypes for Entrepreneurial Success,” Women’s Forum of Colorado, Denver, CO, January 24, 2006.

“The Rise and Fall and Rise Again of Hope! Memories of the Last Fifty Years of the Civil Rights Dream,” Martin Luther King, Jr. Symposium, Boulder, CO, January 25, 2006.

“Cowboys and Cattlemen, Ostrichgirls and Llamawomen: Gender and Class on the New West Range.” Yale University Agrarian Studies Program, Hartford, CT, January 27, 2006.

“Historical Legacy of Historic Preservation in Colorado.” Colorado Preservation, Inc., Denver, CO, February 10, 2006.

“Science and the American West: Experiments in the ‘Demilitarized Zone’ Between Development and Preservation.” Belsky Lecture, University of Oregon Center for the Study of Women in Society, Eugene, OR, February 12, 2006.

“Two Views From a Bridge: An Evening with Patricia Limerick and Len Barron,” Boulder Public Library, Boulder, CO, March 7, 2006.

“Charting a New Course for CBM: Solutions, Best Practices and a Positive Vision for the Future.” Powder River Basin Resource Council, Sheridan, WY, March 19, 2006.

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“Expanding Your World of Rotary.” Rotary International, Logan, UT, May 19, 2006.

“Community in the West.” Idaho Conservation League, Boise, ID, May 20, 2006.

“The Future of Energy and Water in the West.” Illahee, Portland, OR, June 3, 2006.

“Literature of the West” Symposium. Aspen Writer’s Foundation, Aspen, CO, June 27, 2006.

“Suddenly More Finite West.” Colorado Water Workshop, Western State College of Colorado, Gunnison, CO, July 28, 2006.

“Political Risks from Geopolitical and Domestic Perspectives,” COGA/RMAG, Denver, CO, August 8, 2006.

“Denver as the Site for the 2008 Convention,” 2008 Democratic Host Committee, Denver, CO, August 9, 2006.

“What Every Westerner Should Know About Energy,” Desk and Derrick Club of Denver’s 2006 Industry Awareness, Denver, CO, September 7, 2006.

“Learning From the Land Science Symposium,” Collaborative Summit 2006, Cedar City, UT, September 15, 2006.

“Western Heritage & Contemporary Focus,” EPA Collaborative Summit 2006, Jackson Hole, WY, September 20, 2006.

“Public Pressures on Public Lands,” Public Lands Foundation Annual Meeting, Golden, CO, September 21, 2006.

Speaker. State Historical Museum, Madison, WI, September 23, 2006.

“Legacies of the Lewis and Clark Expedition: So What Have We Learned Anyway?,” Lewis & Clark College, Portland, OR, September 30, 2006.

Panelist. Centers of the West Studies Program, Western History Association, St. Louis, MO, October 14, 2006.

“Watching Water: A Wistful but Wary Westerner's Wish List for the Twenty-First Century,” Idaho Department of Water, Boise, ID, October 24, 2006.

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“The Changing Nature of Agriculture,” Rocky Mountain Farmers Union, Denver, CO, November 17, 2006.

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PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Association for Asian American Studies
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 American Association for the Advance of Science
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COMMITTEE SERVICE

Harvard: Faculty Council (1981-1984); Nieman Journalism Selection Committee (1981); Nieman Advisory Committee (1983-1984); Committee on Student Life (1983-1984); Committee on the Status of Non-Resident Students; Committee on Disabled Students and the University.

University of Colorado: Committee on Courses (1985-1989); Council on Academic Programs in the Residence Halls (1987); Chair, U.S. Context Curriculum Revision Committee (1987-1988); Steering Committee, Center for Studies of Race and Ethnicity in America (1987-1989); Graduate School Committee on Arts and Humanities (1988-1991); Review Committee, Communications Department Program Review (1988); University Club Board of Directors (1988-1991); Student Affairs Advisory Board (1996-1998); Chancellor's Search Committee (1996-1997); Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Search Committee (1997-1998).

Professional: American Studies Association Bibliography Committee (1984-1987); Western History Association Program Committee (1986); Western History Association Oscar O. Winther Prize Committee, Chair (1987); Board of Editors, Western Historical Quarterly, 1987-present; Board member, Institute of the North American West, 1989-present; Program Committee Chair, Western Historical Association, 1989 (for 1990 convention); Member, Organization of American Historians, 1992 Program Committee; Member, American Studies Association, 1992 Program Committee; 1992 Parkman Prize Committee, Society of American Historians; Member, Western History Association Program Committee for 1994; Member of Council, American Historical Association – Pacific Coast Branch; Member of Council, American Studies Association (1994-1997); President, American Studies Association (1996); Member, Frederick Jackson Turner Prize Committee, Organization of American Historians (1997); Member, Jury for the Pulitzer Prize in Nonfiction (1999); Executive Board, Society of American Historians (1997-2003); President, Western History Association (2000); Executive Board, Organization of American Historians, 1999-2002; Nominating Committee, American Historical Association, 2001-2004.

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