

Comprehensive Professional Vitae
Chad Montrie

Department: History
College: Arts & Sciences
Rank: Professor

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Education and Academic Experience

Education

- 2001 Ph.D., History, Ohio State University
Dissertation: "To Save the Land and People: A History of Opposition to Surface Coal Mining in Appalachia"
- 1997 M.A., History, Ohio State University
Thesis: "Rethinking Municipal Housekeeping: Hull-House Women and Sanitation Reform in Chicago, 1889-1913"
- 1994 B.A., History, University of Louisville, *summa cum laude*
Honor's Thesis: "Paths to Reform: Confronting the Garbage Crisis in American Cities, 1865-1915"

Academic Experience

- 2010- University of Massachusetts Lowell, History Department,
Present Professor
- 2007- University of Massachusetts Lowell, History Department,
2010 Associate Professor
- 2002- University of Massachusetts Lowell, History Department,
2007 Assistant Professor
- 2001- Rhodes College, Department of History, Visiting Assistant Professor
2002
- 1998- Ohio State University, Department of History, Instructor
2001
- 2000 John Carroll University, Department of History, Visiting Faculty
(Autumn)
- 1999 Otterbein College, Department of History, Adjunct Instructor
(Autumn)
- 1995-1998 Ohio State University, Department of History, Teaching Assistant

Publications

Books

Whiteness in Plain View: A History of Racial Exclusion in Minnesota
(manuscript in progress)

The Myth of 'Silent Spring': Rethinking the Origins of American Environmentalism
(University of California Press, 2018)

A People's History of Environmentalism in the United States
(Continuum Press, 2011)

Making a Living: Work and Environment in the United States
(University of North Carolina Press, 2008)

To Save the Land and People: A History of Opposition to Surface Coal Mining in Appalachia
(University of North Carolina Press, 2003)

Articles/Chapters

"Montréal's Petite Bourgogne and St. Paul's Rondo: The Divergent Fates of Two Black Neighborhoods"
(manuscript in progress)

"'Back of a Circus is a Peculiar Place for a Decent Boy and a Respectable Girl': Reconsidering the Duluth, Minnesota, Lynchings of 1920" (manuscript in progress)

"A Bigoted, Prejudiced, Hateful Little Area: The Making of an All-White Suburb in the Deep North,"
(*Journal of Urban History*, forthcoming)

"North and South: Struggles Over Coal in Colombia and Appalachia," with Aviva Chomsky, in
Transforming Places: Lessons from Appalachia, Steve Fisher and Barbara Ellen Smith, eds. (University of Illinois Press, 2012), 252-65.

"We Mean to Stop Them, One Way or Another: Coal, Power, and the Fight Against Strip Mining in Appalachia," in M. Morrone, and G.L. Buckley, eds., *Mountains of Injustice: Environmental and Social Equity in Appalachia* (Athens: Ohio University Press, 2011), 81-98.

"Class," in *A Companion to American Environmental History*, Douglas Sackman, ed. (Malden: Wiley-Blackwell, 2010).

"It Ought to Be Outlawed: The Movement to Ban Strip Mining in Appalachia, 1954-1977," in
Plundering Appalachia: The Tragedy of Mountaintop Removal Coal Mining, eds. Tim Butler and George Wuerthner (Earthware Editions, 2009).

"Continuity in the Midst of Change: Work and Environment for West Virginia Mountaineers,"
West Virginia History 1 (Spring 2007), 1-22.

With Vanessa Gray, Whitley Kaufman, and Daniel Egan, "Education for Sustainable Development: The Role of the Humanities and Social Sciences," in *Universities, Education, and Sustainable Development* (Amityville, New York: Baywood Press, 2006), and *The Declaration* (University Leaders for a Sustainable Future) 7 (Summer 2004).

"'Men Alone Cannot Settle a Country': Domesticating Nature in the Kansas-Nebraska Grassland," *Great Plains Quarterly* 25 (Fall 2005), 245-258.

"'To Have, Hold, Develop, and Defend': Natural Rights and the Movement to Abolish Strip Mining in Eastern Kentucky," *Journal of Appalachian Studies* 11 (Spring/Fall 2005), 64-82.

"From Dairy Farms to Housing Tracts: Environment and Race in the Making of a Memphis Suburb," *Journal of Urban History* 31 (January 2005), 219-40.

"I Think Less of the Factory Than of My Native Dell': Labor, Nature, and the Lowell 'Mill Girls'," *Environmental History* 9 (April 2004), 275-95.

"Agriculture, Christian Stewardship, and Aesthetics: Ohio Farmers' Opposition to Coal Surface Mining in the 1940s," *Ohio History* 111 (Winter-Spring 2002), 44-63.

"Expedient Environmentalism: Opposition to Coal Surface Mining in Appalachia and the United Mine Workers of America, 1945-1977," *Environmental History* 5 (January 2000), 75-98 (won Aldo Leopold Award from the American Society for Environmental History, for best article in *Environmental History* in 2000).

"A Path to Reform: Confronting the Garbage Crisis in Louisville, 1865-1873," *The Filson Club Historical Quarterly* 70 (January 1996), 27-38.

Book Reviews (recent)

Adam Rome, *The Genius of Earth Day: How a 1970 Teach-In Unexpectedly Made the First Green Generation* in *American Historical Review* 120 5 (December 2015), 1934-36.

Lewis Perry, *Civil Disobedience: An American Tradition* in *Journal of American History* (September 2014).

Mark Fiege, *The Republic of Nature*, and James Morton Turner, *The Promise of Wilderness*, in *American Historical Review* 118 (October 2013), 1141-44.

Tal Stanley, *The Poco Field: An American Story of Place* in *The Journal of Southern History* (August 2013).

"Coal Stories," reviewing *Dirty Business* (directed by Peter Bull, 2010), *Low Coal* (directed by Jordan Freeman, 2010), and *On Coal River* (directed by Francine Cavanaugh and Adams Wood, 2010) in *Journal of Appalachian Studies* 17 (Spring/Fall 2011).

Paula Willoquet-Maricondi, ed., *Framing the World: Explorations in Ecocriticism and Film* in *Environmental History* (April 2011).

James Longhurst, *Citizen Environmentalist* in *Journal of American History* (March 2011).

Rob Kirkpatrick, 1969: *The Year Everything Changed in Choice* (February 2010).

Documentary (recent)

Films

Director, Cinematographer, and Co-editor, "Tough Love: A Meditation On Dominance and Dogs" (May 2012)

Cinematographer, "Canchirao: Solar Panels in Peru" (October 2011)

Cinematographer and Editor, "Copi" (October 2011)

Cinematographer, Genocide Survivor Interviews, "More Than a Number Exhibit," American Textile History Museum/Light of Cambodian Children (April 2010)

Director and Cinematographer, "River Cycle: The Concord in Lowell" (February 2010)

Screenings

"Tough Love: A Meditation on Dominance and Dogs," Dog Training Ireland (Dublin/Blanchardstown, Ireland), May 24, 2013

Invited Talk, "Film Truth, Reality Television, and Cesar's Way," and screening, "Tough Love: A Meditation on Dominance and Dogs," Dog Training Club of Bermuda, March 16, 2013

"Tough Love: A Meditation on Dominance and Dogs," Green Acres Kennel (Bangor, Maine), March 9, 2013

"Tough Love: A Meditation on Dominance and Dogs," Lucky Dog Rescue, University of Colorado at Colorado Springs, March 2, 2013

"Tough Love: A Meditation on Dominance and Dogs," Training with Grace (Denver, Colorado), March 1, 2013

"Tough Love: A Meditation on Dominance and Dogs," Animal Haven (New York City), February 12, 2013

"Tough Love: A Meditation on Dominance and Dogs," MSPCA-Nevins Farm (Methuen, Massachusetts), January 27, 2013

"Tough Love: A Meditation on Dominance and Dogs," A-DOG, Arlington Public Library (Massachusetts), September 27, 2012

"Tough Love: A Meditation on Dominance and Dogs," All Dogs Gym (Manchester, New Hampshire), September 21, 2012

“Tough Love: A Meditation on Dominance and Dogs,” Lowell National Historical Park,
June 26, 2012

Invited Talk, “The Evolution of Science and History Documentaries,” and screening,
“Tough Love: A Meditation on Dominance and Dogs,” MSPCA-Angell
(Boston, Massachusetts), June 17, 2012

Classroom Resources

“Lowell as Text” (proposals, model syllabus, and modules), co-coordinator (with Jonathan Silverman),
University of Massachusetts Lowell (Fall 2009-present)

Concord River Greenway Website, <http://lowelllandtrust.org/greenwayclassroom/index.htm>
(January 2009)

“Classroom by the Concord,” with the Lowell National Historical Park and Tsongas Industrial History Center
(September 2009)

Grants

Urban Waters Revolution (on the origins of American environmentalism in Lawrence, Massachusetts), Creative
Economy Grant (\$22,128),
University of Massachusetts President’s Office (2016-2017)

Crossing the Bridge, documentary film seed grant (\$3,000), Lowell Cultural Council (2013)

Nature of Dogs (now Tough Love), documentary film seed grant (\$9,200),
University Research and Scholarship Council (2010-2011)

Concord River Greenway Project, Creative Economy Grant (\$40,000), University of Massachusetts President’s
Office (2008-2009)

“Preparatory Work for Lower Concord River Documentary Film” (\$7425),
University Research and Scholarship Council Seed Funding Program,
University of Massachusetts Lowell (2007-2008)

“Building the Home Movie Archive,” Explorations in Teaching and Learning Grant (\$2400), University of
Massachusetts Lowell (2006-2007)

Scholarly Research Forum Seed Grant (\$2200), University of Massachusetts Lowell (2006)

Scholar in the City (\$2800), Patrick J. Mogan Cultural Center, Lowell National Historical Park (2005)

“Concord River Greenway History” Grant (\$5000), with the Lowell Parks and Conservation Trust,
Massachusetts Foundation of the Humanities (2004-2005)

“Developing a Home Movie Archive,” Council on Diversity and Pluralism Seed Grant (\$2000), University of Massachusetts Lowell (2004-2005)

Social and Environmental History of Great Brook Farm State Park Site, Faculty-Student Collaborative Research Seed Grant (\$2500), University of Massachusetts Lowell (2004-2005)

Joseph P. Healey Seed Grant (\$1500), University of Massachusetts Lowell (2004)

Associated Colleges of the South Campus-Community Partnership Grant (\$2500) (2002)

Professional Activities (recent)

Professional Conference Participation

Presenter, “Beyond ‘Songbirds and Suburbs’: Putting Workers Back in the American Environmental Movement Origin Story,” European Labour History Network Conference (2017)

Presenter, “‘Not a Negro Town’: How Local Workers Made and Kept Austin, Minnesota, All-White,” and Commentator, “Shades of the Green Economy: Sustainability and the Re-Imagining of Post-Industrial Landscapes in a Consumer Economy,” Urban History Association Conference (2016)

Participant (invited): Labor and Environmental History Roundtable, Organization of American Historians (2016)

Commentator (invited): “Coal” Panel, New Paths for Environmental History of North America and the Ohio Valley (2015)

Presenter: “Suburban Renewal: Revising the Great Migration Narrative,” Association for the Study of African-American Life and History Conference (2015)

Presenter: “A Tale of Two Environmentalisms: Assessing ‘Traditional’ and ‘Revisionist’ Accounts of the Movement’s History” and Roundtable Participant: “Teaching Modern Environmentalism,” American Society for Environmental History Conference (2015)

Presenter (invited): “Beyond Historical Amnesia: Recovering Labor Environmentalism after Deindustrialization,” Panel Chair (invited): “Ruination and Its Aftermath,” and Roundtable Participant (invited): “The Meaning of Working-Class in a Post-Industrial Era,” Deindustrialization and Its Aftermath: Class, Culture, and Resistance Conference, Concordia University, Montreal, Quebec (2014)

Presenter (invited): “When the Country Clashed with Capitalism: Outlining a New History of American Environmentalism,” Rural America Conference, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Amerikastudien, Friedrich-Alexander-Universität, Erlangen-Nürnberg, Germany (2013)

Panel Chair (invited): “From Worker Control to Pollution Control: Labor, Capital and the State in the Making of Environmental Regimes,” and Meet the Author Panel: People’s Environmental History, Social Science History Association Conference (2012)

Featured Presenter, “Two Countries, One Struggle: Opposition to Surface Coal Mining in Appalachia and Northern Colombia,” Appalachia Studies Association Conference (2012)

Panel Discussant (invited), “Contesting Capitalism: Workers, Occupational Health, and Environmental Decline in Twentieth Century America,” Social Science History Association Conference (2011)

Panel Chair and Commentator (invited), “Built Upon Sand and Sea: The Impact of Shifts in Economic Activity on Fragile Coastlines,” European Society for Environmental History Conference (2011)

Panel Chair (invited): “Ecosystems, Farms, and Environment,” Appalachian Studies Association Conference (2011)

Invited Lectures, Institutes, and Poster Sessions

Guest Speaker: “Object and Exhibit Stories,” Tsongas Industrial History Center Professional Development Workshop (2017)

Commentator on Jennifer Thomson, “Surviving the 1970s: The Case of Friends of the Earth,” Boston Environmental History Seminar, Massachusetts Historical Society (2016)

Tour Leader/Guest Speaker: “The Lawrence Experiment Station and the Origins of American Environmentalism,” Trails and Sails, Essex National Heritage Area (2015)

Guest Speaker: “Art and Industrialization,” for “Inventing Lowell,” National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Institute, Tsongas Industrial History Center (2015)

Invited Speaker: “Hidden in Plain View,” Gottschalk Lecture, University of Louisville (2015)

Featured Speaker (invited): “Whiteness in Plain View,” Untold Stories Program, St. Paul, Minnesota Library (2014)

Featured Speaker (invited): “Appalachia is the Center of the Universe,” Ronald Eller Retirement Tribute, University of Kentucky (2013)

Tour Leader and Co-coordinator: Concord River Day, for “Inventing Lowell,” National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Institute, Tsongas Industrial History Center (2013)

Guest Speaker (invited): “Before Rachel Carson: Workers and the Origins of Environmentalism in the United States,” Fossil Fuel Disinvestment Conference, Swarthmore College (2013)

Tour Leader and Co-coordinator: Concord River Day, for “Inventing Lowell,” National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Institute, Tsongas Industrial History Center (2012)

Guest Speaker (invited): “Before Rachel Carson: Workers and the Origins of Environmentalism in the United States,” University of Maine at Orono (2012)

Guest Speaker (invited): “Before Rachel Carson: Workers and the Origins of Environmentalism in the United States,” Professional Development Program, Tsongas Industrial History Center, Lowell, Massachusetts (2011)

Guest Speaker (invited): “Confronting Environmental Mythology, Making a New Environmental Movement,” Book Talk, University of Kentucky and Bioneers Conference Lecture, University of Louisville (2011)

Tour Leader and Co-coordinator, Welcome Reception and Concord River Day, for “Inventing Lowell,” National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Institute, Tsongas Industrial History Center (2011)

Guest Speaker, “Industry and Environment on the Lower Concord River, 1790-1890,” Middlesex Canal Association, North Billerica, Massachusetts (2011)

Tour Leader and Co-coordinator, Welcome Reception and Concord River Day, for “Inventing Lowell,” National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Institute, Tsongas Industrial History Center (2010)

Lecturer, Discussion Leader, and Tour Leader, Making a Living: Work and Environment in Lowell, TEC, Lowell, Massachusetts (2010)

Lecturer and Discussion Leader, “Women's Suffrage, Women's Rights,” Teaching American History Institute, Lowell, Massachusetts (2010)

Lecturer and Discussion Leader, “Natives, Colonists, and Ecology,” Teaching American History Institute, Billerica, Massachusetts (2010)

Service Activities

Department Service

September 2014- Present	Student Prize and Scholarship Committee
September 2014 Present	Member, Graduate Curriculum Committee
September 2007- Present	Member, Personnel Committee
September 2014- March 2015	Co-Chair, African American History Job Search Committee
September 2003- May 2014	Member, Curriculum Committee
September 2012- May 2014	Chair, Personnel Committee
September 2008- May 2009	Department Website Manager
May 2008- September 2008	Coordinator, Awards Committee

September 2005- May 2006	Advisor, History Society
October 2005- May 2006	Coordinator, Modern European Social History Job Search
Spring 2003- Spring 2005	Organizer, Department Course Fairs
<i>University Service</i>	
January 2016- Present	Coordinator, Working Group on Race and Ethnicity
May 2016- present	History Department Representative, Faculty Senate
April 2016- present	Tsongas Industrial History Center Advisory Board
October 2012- October 2014	Member, College Personnel Committee (elected)
January 2013- May 2014	Difference Maker Fellow (selected)
February 2009- May 2011	Corporate Partnerships & Urban Engagement Committee, Strategic Planning Commission (invited)
February 2009- May 2011	Undergraduate Education and Academic Programs Committee, Strategic Planning Commission (invited)
September 2005- May 2011	University Research and Scholarship Council (appointed)
September 2007- May 2009	Gender Studies Steering Committee (elected Program Director, May 2008 to May 2009)
November 2005- October 2007	Massachusetts Society of Professors, Executive Board, Social Sciences and Humanities Division (elected)
March 2006- July 2007	Tsongas Industrial History Center, Search Committee for Executive Director (appointed)
September 2002- May 2007	Committee on Industrial Theory and Assessment
May 2005- May 2006	Interdisciplinary Environmental Programs Advisory Committee (appointed)

September 2004- December 2004	Undergraduate Environmental Health Program Advisory Committee (appointed)
September 2002- May 2005	Gender Studies Steering Committee
March 2004- November 2004	Massachusetts Society of Professors, Executive Board, Social Sciences and Humanities Division (elected)
<i>Community Service</i>	
September 2016- Present	Coordinator, Annual Ellen Swallow Richards Lecture (Lawrence)
March 2016- Present	Lawrence Public Schools, Teacher Evaluation Review Committee (neutral party member)
September 2014- Present	Groundwork Lawrence, Advisory Council and Stewardship Subcommittee
November 2014- May 2017	Member, Lawrence Historic Commission
2003- 2010	Consultant, Lowell Parks and Conservation Trust, Concord River Greenway Project (invited)
Fall 2006	Creative Writing Workshop Instructor, United Teen Equality Center (Lowell, Massachusetts)
Fall 2005	Discussion Facilitator, Merrimack Valley Project, Leadership Development Film Program (invited)
<i>Professional Service</i>	
Fall 2017	Public Humanities Projects: Community Conversation Grant Panel, National Endowment for the Humanities (invited)
January 2016- Present	<i>The Register</i> of the Kentucky Historical Society, Editorial Advisory Board
Spring 2014	Media Projects: Development & Production Grant Panel, National Endowment for the Humanities (invited)
May 2010- May 2013	Graduation and Student Success Working Group, Massachusetts Department of Higher Education (invited)
Spring 2010	Interpreting America's Historic Places, Planning & Implementation Grant Panel, National Endowment for the Humanities (invited)

September 2008- Assistant Editor, Journal of Appalachian Studies (invited)
September 2009

March 2005- Appalachian Studies Association 2006 Conference
March 2006 Program Committee (invited)

Manuscript Referee

2015 *Journal of Social History*
2015 *American Historical Review*
2014 University Press of Kentucky
2014 *Kentucky Historical Register*
2014 *Labor History*
2012 *Environmental History*
2012 *Great Plains Quarterly*
2012 *Journal of Appalachian Studies*
2012 Routledge
2012 *Journal of American History*
2010 *Journal of Appalachian Studies*
2009 *Journal of Appalachian Studies*
2008 *Journal of Appalachian Studies*
2008 University of Minnesota Press
2007 *Journal of Appalachian Studies*
2007 University of Illinois Press
2007 University of Tennessee Press
2006 Oxford University Press
2005 University Press of Kentucky
2005 West Virginia University Press
2005 Longman Publishers
2002 *Journal of Women's History*