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### Education

- Ph.D. History, Bowling Green State University, 2004.  
Dissertation: *City of Mass Production: Building, Managing, and Living in Detroit, America's First Automobile Metropolis, 1915-1933.*
  
- M.A. History, Wayne State University, 2000.  
Thesis: *Pigs on the Water: Technological Failure and Great Lakes Shipbuilding Innovation, 1880-1905.*
  
- B.A. History, University of Detroit Mercy, 1997.

### Professional Experience

#### Academic/Teaching:

**Professor**, Department of History, Grand Valley State University, 2020 – present.

**Associate Professor**, Department of History, Grand Valley State University, 2010 - 2019.

**Assistant Professor**, Department of History, Grand Valley State University, 2004 - 2010.

#### Public History (selected):

**Researcher/Writer**, GVSU Art Gallery, Mt. Vernon Avenue Pedestrian Mall/Interurban Historic Site Marker, 2021-2022.

**Digital Transition Coordinator**, Grand Rapids Historical Commission, [historygrandrapids.org](http://historygrandrapids.org) and [furniturecityhistory.org](http://furniturecityhistory.org), 2018-present.

**Historical Consultant**, Superior Public Museums, *S.S. Meteor/Frank Rockefeller* Preservation Committee, Superior, Wisconsin, 2007-present.

**Historical Consultant**, Ottawa County Soil and Water Conservation District, Grand Haven, Michigan, 2006-2018.

**Curator**, Fr. Edward J. Dowling, S.J. Marine Historical Collection, University of Detroit Mercy Libraries, 2004-present.

**Historical Consultant**, Brightmoor Neighborhood Alliance, Detroit, Michigan, 2000-2010.

**University Archivist**, University of Detroit Mercy Libraries, 1999-2004.

### **Honors/Awards**

Finalist, University Outstanding Teaching Award, Pew Faculty Teaching and Learning Center, GVSU 2022.

Nominated, Distinguished Undergraduate Mentoring Award, Center for Scholarly and Creative Excellence, GVSU 2019.

Distinguished Service Award, Ottawa Conservation District, Grand Haven, Michigan, April 2007, March 2017.

Nominated: Outstanding Educator Award, GVSU Alumni Association, October 2016.

State History Award for a Publication as Editor of *Grand River Valley History*, Historical Society of Michigan, September 2012.

Teaching Excellence Award, Pew Faculty Teaching and Learning Center, February 2010.

### **Published Work**

#### **Articles (peer-reviewed)**

“An Island in the Furniture City: Godfrey Avenue and the Black Hills Neighborhood of Grand Rapids, Michigan,” *IA: The Journal of the Society for Industrial Archaeology*, under review, 2023.

Co-author with Scott Stabler, “‘The World’s Greatest Minstrel Show Under the Stars’”: Blackface Minstrels, Community Identity, and the Lowell Showboat, 1932-1977,” *Michigan Historical Review*, 44 (No.2, Fall 2018): 1-35.

“An Unequal Clash: The Lake Seamen’s Union, the Lake Carriers’ Association, and the Great Lakes Strike of 1909,” *The Northern Mariner/ Le marin du nord*, 28 (No.2, Spring 2018):119-138.

“Duluth’s Other Company Town: The McDougall-Duluth Company, the Riverside Neighborhood, and World War I Shipbuilding, 1917-1923,” *Minnesota History*, 63, (No.5, Spring 2013): 176-186.

“In the Wake of Disaster: The Lake Carriers’ Association, Welfare Capitalism and the Black Friday Storm of 1916,” *International Journal of Maritime History*, 24 (No.2, December 2010): 145-180.

### **Book Chapters (Popular History)**

Contributed sections: "Belknap Park, Calder Park, Ah-Nab-Ah-Awen Park, Canal Park, Covell Dog Park, Dickinson Buffer Park, 4th Street Woods Park, Kensington/Coit Park, Lincoln Park, Nagold Park, Pulaski Park, 6th Street Park, Stocking Park," in *Keep on the Grass: A Brief History of Grand Rapids Parks*. Edited by Rebecca Smith-Hoffman and G.F. Korreck. (Grand Rapids, Michigan: Grand Rapids Historical Commission, 2018): 16, 21, 27-28, 49, 55, 70, 72-73, 75-77, 83, 86-87, 88.

"City, Field, and River: Mathias Alten's Vision of Grand Rapids and the Grand River Valley" in *Mathias Alten: An Evolving Legacy*. (Grand Rapids: Grand Valley State University Art Gallery Press, 2016): 86-115.

### **Booklet (Popular History)**

*A Land of Great Bounty: A Brief Agricultural History of Ottawa County, Michigan*. Allendale, MI: Ottawa County Farm Bureau / Michigan Farm Bureau, 2022.

### **Articles (Popular History)**

"Homes for Wartime Workers: Detroit's Herman Gardens Housing Project," *Michigan History Magazine*, 107 (No.1, January/February 2023), 25-30.

"A Gateway to the City: Grand Rapids' Grand Trunk Station," *Grand River Times* 42 (No.9, Summer 2021), 1-3.

"Vice and Flowers: The Black Hills, Grand Rapids," *Grand River Times* 42 (No.1, September 2020), 1, 3.

"Local History and the Expressway: The Case of I-196 and US-131," *Grand River Times* 41 (No.8, May 2020), 4-5.

"A Very Superior Whale: The Rise and Fall of Captain Alexander McDougall's Whaleback Ships," *Wisconsin Magazine of History* 102 (No.3, Spring 2019): 16-27.

Author with Cole Robinson (co-author), "Saving Dewey Hill: The Grand Haven Tree Planting Bee of 1941," *Chronicle: Membership Magazine of the Historical Society of Michigan* 40 (Summer 2017, No.2): 16-19.

Principle author with Jeffrey L. Ram (Wayne State University), "Keeping It In Trim: Ballast and Great Lakes Shipping." *Inland Seas*, 72 (No.4, Winter 2016): 292-318.

"The Night Boat: The City of Grand Rapids," *Grand River Valley History* 25 (2011): 13-16.

"'Bar cannot be crossed until daylight.' The Journey of the *Charles W. Wetmore* to the Pacific Coast, September 19 to December 21, 1891," *Nor'Easter* [Magazine of the Lake

Superior Historical Society], 28 (No.4, July-August 2003): 1-5; Part II, (No.5, September-October 2003): 9-10.

### **Essays**

“Technology’s Wonderments.” and “From Revolutionary to Commonplace: Technology in American History.” in *Innovation in History: Industry and Transport*. Edited by Chris Mullin and Brett Piersma. (Santa Barbara: ABC-CLIO, 2010): 6-15, 35-45.

“Collaborations and Consortiums: Undergraduates as Interns,” *Open Entry*, Michigan Archival Association, Fall 2008, 1.

“Detroit: 1901-2001,” *Visit Detroit Magazine* (Summer 2001): 29-33.

“Detroit: 1801-1901,” *Visit Detroit Magazine* (Spring 2001): 28-32.

“King of the Wild Frontier: Detroit’s First Century,” *Wayne State Magazine* 15 (No.2, Spring 2001): 8-10.

“Detroit: The Founding, 1701-1801,” *Visit Detroit Magazine* (Winter 2001): 33-37.

### **Exhibits (selected)**

Researcher/Author, GVSU Art Gallery, Mt. Vernon Avenue Pedestrian Mall/Interurban Historic Site Marker, Grand Rapids, Michigan, 2021-2022.

Contributing author, “Facing the River: Grand Rapids’ Downtown Waterfront from Industry to Recreation,” part of “Conversations along the Grand River,” Kutsche Office of Local History, Grand Valley State University, Grand Rapids, Michigan, 2019.

Principle author, “Keeping It In Trim: Ballast and Great Lakes Shipping,” travel exhibit, initial installation at the National Museum of the Great Lakes, Toledo, Ohio, opened February 2017.

Contributing author, “McDougall’s Dream: The Life and Whaleback Ships of Captain Alexander McDougall,” Superior Public Museums, S.S. *Meteor* Historic Vessel, Superior, Wisconsin, Spring 2017.

Contributing author, “Great Lakes Ships and Shipwrecks: Storms and Stories,” Grand Rapids Public Museum, Grand Rapids, Michigan, 2012.

### **Book Reviews (since 2018)**

“Behemoth: A History of the Factory and the Making of the Modern World,” by Joshua B. Freeman, *IA: The Journal of the Society for Industrial Archaeology*, 44, no. No 1–2 2018 (published 2020), July 2020: 200.

"The Merchant John Askin: Furs and Empire at British Michilimackinac," by Justin M. Carroll, *Ohio History* 127, No.2, Fall 2020: 121-123.

"Rumrunners: Liquor Smugglers on America's Coasts, 1920-1933," by J. Anne Funderburg, *H-FedHist* February 2018.

#### **Academic Conferences (peer-reviewed - selected)**

"An Island in the 'Furniture City': The Black Hills Neighborhood, Godfrey Avenue's 'Furniture Row,' and Homeownership in Grand Rapids, Michigan, 1890-1930," Society for Industrial Archaeology Annual Conference, Richmond, Virginia, June 2018.

"City, Field, and Factory: The Grand River and Grand Rapids, Michigan," International Water History Conference, Grand Rapids, Michigan, June 2017.

"'We Realize This is a Long-Term Proposition': Soil and Water Conservation in Ottawa County, Michigan, 1935-1955," Midwestern History Association, Grand Rapids, Michigan, June 2017.

#### **Invited Lectures – National/Midwest (selected)**

"Quaint Furniture of Character: Stickley Brothers Furniture of Grand Rapids, Michigan," *IA Online*, Society for Industrial Archaeology, Houghton, Michigan, May 2020.

Canal Society of New York State, Winter Symposium, Rochester, New York

- "Reshaping the Flow: Creating the Physical World of Great Lakes Navigation, 1880-1960," March 2019.

- "The McDougall-Duluth Shipyard: Birthplace of the *Day Peckinpaugh*," March 2015.

"In the Wake of Disaster: Lake Erie's Black Friday Storm of 1916," Upper Midwest Scuba and Adventure Travel Show, Great Lakes Shipwreck Preservation Society, Minneapolis, Minnesota, March 2018.

McDougall's Dream: A Maritime Symposium, Superior Public Museums, Superior, Wisconsin.

"Of Patents and Lawyers: Alexander McDougall and the Ore-Washer Case," September 2019.

- Keynote speaker, "A Fleet for Democracy: Great Lakes Shipbuilding During the First World War," September 2018.

- "Left on the Drawing Board: The Unbuilt Plans of Alexander McDougall and the American Steel Barge Company," September 2018.

#### **Invited Lectures – Local/Regional (selected - since 2017)**

"In-between the Lines: The Interurban Railways of West Michigan," Women's City Club, August 2022.

“Along the River and In the Fields: Alten’s West Michigan Landscapes,” Friends of Alten, GVSU Art Gallery, September 2021.

“Unpacking Urban Renewal: A Complex History,” Michigan History Conference, Historical Society of Michigan, October 2020.

“Homes for Industry: The Black Hills and Southwest Grand Rapids,” Grand Rapids Historical Society, September 2020.

Co-presenter with Mitchell Mockerman (student), “Private, Public, or Co-Op? The Struggle for Affordable Housing in Detroit, 1920-1950,” History Department Colloquium, GVSU, Department of History, Allendale, Michigan, November 2018.

Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, Aquinas College, Grand Rapids, Michigan

- “The Other Side of the Lakes: Canadian Lighthouses,” March 2022

- “A Cross Border Bonanza: The Spectacular Rise of the Gogebic Iron Ore Range,” May 2021.

- “The 1927 Bath School Bombing: Tragedy, Memory, Meaning,” April 2020.

- “1909: The Year that Changed the Great Lakes,” September 2019.

### **Grant Funded Student Projects**

Great Lakes Protection Fund / Wayne State University Daley, School of Medicine, Research Grant, Samantha Chandler (Principle), Matthew Daley (Co-Principle), "An Historical Survey of Maritime Ballasting Systems from Antiquity to the Present Day," amount of \$7,000.00. May 2015 - December 2015.

Student Summer Scholars (S3), Office of Undergraduate Research, Grand Valley State University. Faculty Mentor to Ray Jeroso. Project entitled: “A Fight So Impassioned: The Struggle over School Consolidation in Michigan, 1950-1970.” Summer 2014.

Student Summer Scholars (S3), Office of Undergraduate Research, Grand Valley State University. Faculty Mentor to Eric Baumgarten. Project entitled: “The Sincerity of Reform: Henry Ford’s Five Dollar Day and the Ideological Underpinnings of Progressive Era Reform.” Summer 2011.

### **Professional Service (selected)**

Board Member, State Historic Preservation Review Board, State of Michigan, Michigan Economic Development Corporation, Lansing, Michigan, 2021-present.

Teacher Preparation Standards Committee, Michigan Department of Education, Committee Member, Lansing, Michigan, 2020 – 2023.

Panel/Session Chair, Professional Conferences:

- "Histories of Development in Postindustrial Detroit," and
- "Scholarly Research and Cultural Heritage in Michigan: Collaborations Between Historians, Archivists, and Librarians, and Public-Private Partnerships to Preserve Our Past," Finding the Lost Region V: Fifth Annual Midwestern History Conference, Midwestern History Association, Grand Rapids, Michigan, May 2019.
  
- "Transnational Histories of Michigan from the Gilded Age through the Depression," Great Lakes History Conference, Grand Valley State University, Grand Rapids, Michigan, October 2013.

Board Member, Association for Great Lakes Maritime History, 2014 – present.

Publications Committee Chair, 2020 – present.

Editorial Board Member, *Michigan Historical Review*, 2010 - 2018.

Manuscript Reviewer, University of Wisconsin Press, Wayne State University Press

Interviewed/on-camera appearance, "The Grand River: Heart of a Land," 2018 Senior Thesis Documentary, Compass College of Cinematic Arts, Grand Rapids, Michigan, February 2018. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RY02pl4W5IM>

**Community Service (selected)**

Editor, *Grand River Valley History*, Grand Rapids Historical Society, Grand Rapids, Michigan, 2008-2018.

Board member, Grand Rapids Historical Commission, Grand Rapids, Michigan, 2007 – present.

Vice President, Board Member, Grand Rapids Historical Society, Grand Rapids, Michigan, 2005 – present.

Michigan Farm Bureau, Ottawa County Farm Bureau Centennial Committee, Allendale, Michigan, 2018 – 2022.