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EDUCATION:

University of Toronto. Ontario Institute for Studies in Education. Ph.D., History Education, May 2010. Dissertation: "Imagined Futures and Unintended Consequences: An Environmental History of Toronto's Don River Valley." Committee: Ruth W. Sandwell (Supervisor), William J. Turkel, Cecilia Morgan. Comprehensive Examinations: Canadian Social History, Environmental History, Public Memory.

University of Victoria. M.A., Environmental Studies, May 1999. Thesis: "Mapping Songs, Mapping Histories: Negotiating Cultural Perspectives on Gitksan Territory." Supervisor: Michael M'Gonigle.

University of Victoria. B.A. (Honours), English and Environmental Studies, May 1995.

SELECTED EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE:

McMaster University. L.R. Wilson Assistant Professor in Canadian History, 2013 – present.

University of Guelph. Adjunct Professor of History, 2013 – present.

University of Guelph. SSHRC Postdoctoral Fellow and Instructor in History, 2011 – 2013.

TEACHING FIELDS:

Post-Confederation Canadian History, Environmental History, Urban History, Historical Memory, Public History

PUBLICATIONS:

BOOKS:

Reclaiming the Don: An Environmental History of Toronto's Don River Valley.
Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 2014.

BOOKS (cont.):

Historical GIS Research in Canada. Editor, with Marcel Fortin. Calgary: University of Calgary Press, 2014.

SCHOLARLY ARTICLES AND BOOK CHAPTERS:

“Introduction.” With Marcel Fortin. In Jennifer Bonnell and Marcel Fortin, eds., *Historical GIS Research in Canada*, (University of Calgary Press, 2014).

“Reinventing the Map Library: The Don Valley Historical Mapping Project.” With Marcel Fortin. In Jennifer Bonnell and Marcel Fortin, eds., *Historical GIS Research in Canada* (University of Calgary Press, 2014).

“Planning Nature and the City: Toronto’s Lower Don River and Port Lands.” With Gene Desfor. In L. Anders Sandberg, Stephen Bocking, Colin Coates and Ken Cruikshank, eds., *Urban Explorations: Environmental Histories of the Toronto Region* (Hamilton ON: Wilson Institute for Canadian History, McMaster University, 2013).

“An Intimate Understanding of Place: Charles Sauriol and Toronto’s Don River Valley, 1927-1989.” *Canadian Historical Review* 92, no. 4 (December 2011): 607-636.

“A Social History of a Changing Environment: The Don River Valley, 1910-1931.” In Gene Desfor and Jennefer Laidley, eds., *Reshaping Toronto’s Waterfront* (Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 2011): 123-150.

“Socio-ecological Change in the Nineteenth and Twenty-first Centuries: The Lower Don River.” With Gene Desfor. In Gene Desfor and Jennefer Laidley, eds., *Reshaping Toronto’s Waterfront* (Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 2011): 305-325.

“A Comforting Past: Skirting Conflict and Complexity at Montgomery’s Inn.” *Journal of Canadian Studies* 42, no.1 (Winter 2008): 127-153.

“Difficult Exhibitions and Intimate Encounters.” With Roger I. Simon. *Museum and Society* 5, no.2 (July 2007): 65-85. <http://www.le.ac.uk/ms/museumsociety.html>.

SELECTED BOOK REVIEWS:

“*Wet Prairie: People, Land, and Water in Agricultural Manitoba*, by Shannon Stunden Bower.” *Histoire Sociale/Social History* 46, no.91 (May 2013): 223-225.

“*City Critters: Wildlife in the Urban Jungle*, by Nicholas Read.” *BC Studies* 177 (Spring 2013): 198-199.

“*Metropolitan Natures: Environmental Histories of Montreal*, edited by Stéphane Castonguay and Michèle Dagenais.” *Canadian Historical Review* 93, no.1 (March 2012): 138-140.

“*Waterlife*, directed by Kevin McMahon.” *H-Environment* April 2011.

“*The River Returns: An Environmental History of the Bow*, by Christopher Armstrong, Matthew Evenden and H.V. Nelles.” *Left History* 14, no.2 (Summer 2010): 98-100.

“*The Future City on the Inland Sea: A History of Imaginative Geographies of Lake Superior*, by Eric D. Olmanson.” *Environmental History* 15, no.3 (July 2010): 560-562, doi: 10.1093/envhis/emq078.

“*Method and Meaning in Canadian Environmental History*, edited by Alan MacEachern and William J. Turkel; and *The Archive of Place: Environment and the Contested Past of the Chilcotin Plateau*, by William J. Turkel.” *Canadian Historical Review* 90, no.4 (December 2009): 766-770.

“*Megaprojects* (<http://megaprojects.fims.uwo.ca/>), by Joy Parr and Jon van der Veen.” *Left History* 13, no.1 (Fall 2008): 191-93.

SELECTED PUBLIC HISTORY, POPULAR WRITING, COMMUNITY OUTREACH:

Heritage Toronto. Adjudicator, Media Awards, 2013, 2014.

No. 9 Contemporary Art and Environment. Leader, Walking tour of Don River Valley, July 2014.

Heritage Toronto. Tour leader, “The Don Valley: A Bicycle Tour from Todmorden Mills to Lake Ontario.” 2014.

SELECTED PUBLIC HISTORY, POPULAR WRITING, COMMUNITY OUTREACH
(cont.):

Parks Canada, Expert reviewer of manuscript on history of Rouge Valley National Park, October 2013.

“From the Archives to the Bee Yard.” *The Otter* weblog. 25 June 2012.
<http://niche-canada.org/2012/06/25/from-the-archives-to-the-bee-yard/>

“Thinking with Bees.” *The Otter*. 13 February 2012.
<http://niche-canada.org/2012/02/13/thinking-with-bees/>

Nature's Past Podcast Series. Interview subject for “Episode 27: Wildlife Histories,” 24 January 2012, <http://niche-canada.org/node/10276>

Hungry Eyes Film and Television. Interview subject and historical consultant for *Brick by Brick: The Story of the Evergreen Brickworks*, 2011.

The History Education Network (THEN/HiER). Program Coordinator, 2008 – 2011.

“Writing the Environmental History of Toronto’s Don Valley Parkway.” *The Otter*. 14 November 2011. <http://niche-canada.org/2011/11/14/writing-the-environmental-history-of-torontos-don-valley-parkway/>

“Fruitful Collaborations: Libraries as Partners in Historical Research,” *The Otter*. 18 April 2011. <http://niche-canada.org/2011/04/18/fruitful-collaborations-libraries-as-partners-in-historical-research/>

“History from the Urban Fringe,” Scholar’s Profile, Network in Canadian History and Environment, 1 March 2011, <http://niche-canada.org/2011/03/01/history-from-the-urban-fringe/>

“On Oral History and the Presence of the Past,” *Teaching the Past: A Blog About Teaching History in Canada*. 22 February 2011. <http://thenhier.ca/en/content/oral-history-and-presence-past>

“On Teaching History to Retirees,” *Teaching the Past: A Blog About Teaching History in Canada*. 10 January 2011. <http://thenhier.ca/en/content/teaching-history-retirees-0>

SELECTED PUBLIC HISTORY, POPULAR WRITING, COMMUNITY OUTREACH
(cont.):

“Histories of Environment, Histories of Place,” Scholar’s Profile, *The History Education Network*, November 2010. <http://thenhier.ca/en/content/histories-environments-histories-place-jennifer-bonnell>

Don River Valley Historical Mapping Project. Co-producer, with Marcel Fortin.
<http://maps.library.utoronto.ca/dvhmp/> (copyright 2009).

“Bringing Back the Don River: Sixty Years of Community Action.” In Wayne Reeves and Christina Palassio, eds., *HtO: Toronto's Water from Lake Iroquois to Lost Rivers to Low-Flow Toilets* (Toronto: Coach House Press, 2008).

“Gangsters, Dreamers, and Engineers: 200 Years of Drama on the Lower Don River.” Invited public walking tour, *Jane’s Walk*, May 3, 2008.

Nature’s Past Podcast Series. Interview subject, “Episode 1: The Environmental History of the Don River.” 10 December 2008, <http://niche-canada.org/node/9255>.

Multicultural History Society of Ontario. Board Member, Community Memories Project, 2007.

Multicultural History Society of Ontario. Curator, Oral History Museum, 2002-2004.

UNIVERSITY TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

McMaster University. Department of History:

Course Director, History 4CM3, “Modern Canadian History: Nature and Society in Modern Canada.” Fall 2014: 18 students; Spring 2014: 12 students; Fall 2013: 15 students.

Course Director, History 3HI3, “Advanced Historical Inquiry: History and Public Memory in Canada.” Fall 2014: 20 students.

Course Director, History 3HP3, “History Practicum.” Fall 2014: 10 students; Fall 2013: 6 students.

Course Director, History 3CW3, “Canada in a World of Empires, 1492-1919.” Winter 2014: 31 students.

UNIVERSITY TEACHING EXPERIENCE (cont.):

Course Director, History 2TT3, "Survey of Canadian History, 1885 to the Present." Winter 2014: 82 students; Fall 2013: 33 students.

Course Director, History 3HI3, "Advanced Historical Inquiry: Animals in Human History." Winter 2014: 18 students.

University of Guelph. Department of History:

Course Director, History 3430: "Topics in Environment and Society: Animals in History." Winter 2013: 18 students.

Course Director, History 3660: "Canadian Social History." Fall 2012: 31 students.

Course Director, History 3430: "Topics in Environment and Society: Nature and the City in North America." Winter 2012: 21 students.

University of Toronto. Department of History:

Teaching Assistant, HIST106: "Making of the Americas, 1250-1780," Profs. Allan Greer and Kenneth Mills. 2006-07: 45 students; 2005-06: 45 students.

University of Victoria. School of Environmental Studies:

Teaching Assistant, ES 400 (Environmental Literature), 1997-98: 30 students.

Teaching Assistant, ES 301 (Political Ecology), 1997-98: 30 students.

SELECTED WORKSHOPS AND CONTINUING EDUCATION:

Glendon College/York University. Living and Learning in Retirement Program. Course Director, "Historical Perspectives on the Great Lakes." Toronto Ontario, Fall 2010: 88 students.

Multicultural History Society of Ontario. Staff workshop, "Methods and Considerations for Oral History Projects, May 22, 2009.

University of Toronto, Ontario Institute for Studies in Education. Graduate Student Workshop, "Writing a successful scholarship application," 2005 and 2006.

SELECTED WORKSHOPS AND CONTINUING EDUCATION (cont.):

Multicultural History Society of Ontario. Workshop for Toronto District School Board teachers. "History from the Bottom Up: Working with Primary Sources in the Classroom," October 19, 2005.

City of Toronto Heritage and Museums Branch. Workshop for staff of the Toronto Region Conservation Authority, "An Introduction to Oral History," February 26, 2005.

University of Toronto Museum Studies Symposium. Presentation, "Working with Communities," October 29, 2004.

Jumbies Theatre. Oral History Workshop Series for grades 9-12 students, Toronto Ontario, 2003.

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED LECTURES:

"Frederick Gardiner and the Construction of Toronto's Don Valley Parkway, 1958-1966." *Canadian Historical Association Annual Meeting*, St. Catherine's, ON, 26 May 2014.

"The Valley and the Road: Building Toronto's Don Valley Parkway." *Society for American City and Regional Planning History Annual Meeting*, Toronto, ON, October 5, 2013.

"Negotiating Protections for Honeybee Health in Ontario, 1880-1900." *American Society for Environmental History Annual Meeting*, Toronto, ON, April 5, 2013.

"Reclaiming the Don: An Environmental History of Toronto's Don River Valley." Invited lecture. McMaster University, 13 February 2013.

"Alternative Livelihoods on the Urban Fringe: Toronto Beekeepers and Suburbanization, 1950-1970," *Canadian Historical Association Annual Meeting*, Waterloo, ON, May 28, 2012.

"Foragers of a Modern Countryside: An Environmental History of Beekeeping in Twentieth-Century Ontario." Rural History Roundtable, Department of History, University of Guelph, 17 November 2012.

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED LECTURES (cont.):

- “Toronto’s Don River: A History of a Constructed Landscape.” Invited presentation, Canadian Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, Waterloo, ON, June 2, 2012.
- “Archaic” Economies on the Urban Fringe: Toronto Beekeepers and Suburbanization, 1950-1970,” *American Society for Environmental History Annual Meeting*, Madison, Wisconsin, March 28-31, 2012.
- “An Environmental History of an Urban Borderland: Toronto's Don River Valley, 1860-1930.” Invited lecture. University of Guelph, February 7, 2012.
- “An Environmental History of an Urban Borderland: Toronto's Don River Valley, 1860-1930,” Rural History Roundtable, University of Guelph, November 30, 2011.
- “Imagined Futures for the Lower Don: A History of Big Ideas for a Small River,” Invited Lecture. Toronto Public Library, October 12, 2011.
- “Isolating Undesirables: Prisons, Pollution and Homelessness in the Don River Valley, 1860-1932.” Invited Lecture. Toronto Public Library, October 14, 2010.
- “Socio-ecological changes in the nineteenth and twenty-first centuries: Toronto's Lower Don River.” With Gene Desfor. Presented by Desfor at *World Congress of Sociology*, International Sociological Association, Research Committee 21 (Urban and Regional), Gothenburg, Sweden, July 11-17, 2010.
- “Envisioning Watershed History: The Don Valley Historical Mapping Project.” With Marcel Fortin. *Canadian Historical Association Annual Meeting*, Montreal, Quebec, June 2, 2010.
- “A Sensuous Understanding of Place: Charles Sauriol and the Fight to Protect Toronto’s Don River Valley, 1946-1989.” *Canadian Historical Association Annual Meeting*, Montreal, Quebec, June 1, 2010.
- “Improving the Don River, from 1880 to the present.” Invited lecture. University Women’s Club of Toronto, May 13, 2010.
- “Toronto’s Underworld: The Don River Valley as a ‘Repository for Undesirables.’” Invited lecture. East York Historical Society, March 30, 2010.

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED LECTURES (cont.):

“Toronto’s Lower Don River Valley: A Social History of a Marginalized Environment,”
World Congress of Environmental History, Copenhagen, DK, August 6, 2009.

"Imagined Futures and Unintended Consequences: Toronto’s Don River Improvement Project, 1880-1910," *Canadian Historical Association Annual Meeting*, Ottawa, ON, May 26, 2009.

“‘An Objectionable Stream’: Toronto’s Lower Don River and the Construction of an Urban Waste Space, 1830-1912,” *American Society for Environmental History Annual Meeting*, Tallahassee, Florida, February 28, 2009.

“Multimedia Presentation: Don River Historical GIS Mapping Project,” With Marcel Fortin and Jordan Hale. *Active History: History for the Future*, Glendon College, York University, Toronto, Ontario, September 27 – 28, 2008.

“An Environmental History of the Don River.” Invited lecture. No.9 Contemporary Art and the Environment Symposium, Toronto, Ontario, June 26, 2008.

“Toronto’s Underworld: The Don River Valley as a ‘Repository for Undesirables,’”
Canadian Historical Association Annual Meeting, Vancouver, BC, June 3, 2008.

“Tracing the Social and Environmental History of the Don River.” City of Toronto Archives, Toronto, Ontario, April 7, 2008.

“Comments on Rivers and Public Memory.” Invited lecture. *Confluences: A Workshop on Rivers, History and Memory*, Vancouver, BC, November 15, 2007.

“‘An Honourable Innkeeper... or a Scamp?’ Interpreting the Past at Montgomery’s Inn.
Canadian History of Education Association (CHEA) and History of Education Society (HES) Joint Meeting, Ottawa, Ontario, October 27, 2006.

“Exploring Difficult Knowledge: Two Case Studies of Swedish Museum Pedagogy.” With Roger I. Simon. Presented by Bonnell at *International Council of Museums of Ethnography (ICME) Annual Meeting*, Miami, Florida, July 11, 2006.

“Difficult Knowledge, Intimacy and Museum Exhibitions: A Case Study of Kulturen’s *Surviving: Voices from Ravensbrück*.” With Roger I. Simon. Presented by Bonnell at *Canadian Sociology and Anthropology Association Annual Meeting*, York University, Toronto, Ontario, June 2, 2006.

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED LECTURES (cont.):

“A Living History? Interpreting the Past at Montgomery’s Inn,” *McGill-Queen’s Graduate Conference in History*, Montreal, Quebec, March 17, 2006.

“Learning from Agincourt: An Oral History of a Diverse Community.” With Madeleine Callaghan, *XIIIth International Oral History Association Conference*, Rome, Italy, June 24, 2004.

AWARDS, GRANTS, AND FELLOWSHIPS:

Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council Postdoctoral Fellowship. “Foragers of a Modern Countryside: An Environmental History of Beekeeping in Twentieth-Century Ontario and New York State.” 2011-2013.

Ontario Graduate Scholarship. 2009.

Canadian Federation for University Women Margaret Dale Philp Award. 2009-10.

Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council, Canada Graduate Scholarship. 2005-08.

Associate Laureate Award for Cultural Heritage, Rolex Awards for Enterprise 2004.
Presented for the *Oral History Museum*, Multicultural History Society of Ontario.

Elizabeth B. Mason Award for Best Oral History Project. Oral History Association, 2002.
Presented for *Agincourt: A Community History*.

Dean’s Scholarship, University of Victoria. 1997-99.

Graduate Fellowship, School of Environmental Studies, University of Victoria. 1997-98.

Edward Bassey Family Scholarship for Conservation and Resource Studies. 1997.

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL SERVICE:

Network in Canadian History and Environment (NiCHE). Member, editorial collective, 2014 – present.

Network in Canadian History and Environment (NiCHE). Chair, strategic planning committee, 2011-2013.

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL SERVICE (cont.):

“Canada in the Anthropocene: A Research Network in Canadian History and Environment.” Co-applicant and Team Lead, SSHRC Partnership Grant Proposal, November 2013.

American Society for Environmental History. Tour leader, “Urbanizing Nature/ Naturalizing the City: The Lower Don River and Port Lands.” With City of Toronto Chief Curator Wayne Reeves. Annual Meeting, Toronto, 2013.

Journal of Canadian Studies. Article referee. 2013.

Local Environment. Article referee, 2013.

Ontario History. Article referee, 2013.

Urban History Review. Article referee, 2012.

Canadian Historical Review. Article referee, 2012.

Network in Canadian History and Environment (NiCHE). Organizer, “Bees to Beef: Farm(ed) Animals in Environmental History,” Canadian History and Environment Summer School, University of Guelph, 25-27 May 2012.

The History Education Network (THEN/HiER.ca). Board member, 2008-2011.

Chair, “Historical GIS in Canada,” Joint Session of the Canadian Association of Geographers and the Canadian Historical Association annual meetings, 2012.

Network in Canadian History and Environment. Invited participant, EH+: Writing the Next Chapter of Canadian Environmental History, 2011.

The History Education Network (THEN/HiER.ca), ActiveHistory.ca and the Association for Canadian Studies. Event organizer, “Teaching History in Diverse Venues,” 2010.

The History Education Network (THEN/HiER.ca) and ActiveHistory.ca. *Approaching the Past* workshop series. Co-founder and organizer, 2010-2011.
<https://sites.google.com/site/approachingthepasttoronto/home>

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL SERVICE (cont.):

BC Studies. Article referee, 2010.

Museum and Society. Article referee, 2008.

Network in Canadian History and Environment (NiCHE). Graduate Student Representative, 2007-08.

Network in Canadian History and Environment (NiCHE). Leader, Walking Tour of Lower Donlands, Canadian History and Environment Summer School, Toronto, 2007.

The History Education Network (THEN/HiER.ca). Organizer, Inaugural Workshop. Ontario Institute for Studies in Education, University of Toronto. 13-15 January 2006.

University of Toronto, Ontario Institute for Studies in Education. Graduate student representative, Communications and Special Projects Coordinator search, 2005.

SELECTED MEMBERSHIPS AND AFFILIATIONS:

American Society for Environmental History, 2006 – present.

Canadian Committee on Women's History, 2007 – present.

Canadian Historical Association, 2004 – present.

Canadian Oral History Association, 2010 – present.

Network in Canadian History and the Environment (NiCHE), 2006 – present.

The History Education Network / Histoire et Éducation en Réseau, 2005 – present.

Toronto Environmental History Group. Founding member, 2008 – present.

LANGUAGES:

Spanish, high intermediate spoken, written, and reading proficiency

French, intermediate spoken, written, and reading proficiency