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### ACADEMIC POSITIONS

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Visiting Assistant Professor of History, The Honors College, University of Houston, 2021-present

Adjunct Assistant Professor, Department of History, Connecticut College, Spring 2021

Adjunct Lecturer, Department of History, St. Cloud State University, 2019-2021

Visiting Instructor of History, Department of History, Sociology, Geography, and GIS, Tarleton State University, Fall 2020

Adjunct Lecturer, Department of History, Carroll University, Spring 2018

### EDUCATION

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Marquette University, Milwaukee, WI

PhD, American History May 2020

Dissertation: "The Progressive Center: Midwestern Liberalism in the Age of Reagan, 1978-1992"

Committee: Fr. Steven Avella (director), Dr. James Marten, Dr. Thomas Jablonsky

MA, American History May 2015

Northwestern University, Evanston, IL

BA, History and Political Science June 2012

### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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#### **Instructor of Record:**

HIST 1378: U.S. History since 1877, Honors College, University of Houston	Fall 2021
HIS 354: Reagan and American Conservatism, Connecticut College	Spring 2021
HIS 215: U.S. Politics and Culture since 1945, Connecticut College	Spring 2021
HIST 1301, U.S. History I, Tarleton State University	Fall 2020
HIST 1302, U.S. History II, Tarleton State University	Fall 2020
HIST 141, U.S. History Since 1865, St. Cloud State University	2019-2021
HIS 106, Intro to Modern American History, Carroll University	Spring 2018
HIST 1101, Intro to American History, Marquette University	Spring 2018

#### **Teaching Assistant:**

HIST 1101, Intro to American History, Marquette University	2014-2016
HIST 1301, Intro to Latin American History, Marquette University	Spring 2015

### PUBLICATIONS

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#### **Books:**

*The Progressive Center: Heartland Liberalism in the Age of Reagan* [under review]

#### **Peer-Reviewed Articles, Book Chapters:**

"There exists a conservative veneer": Terry Branstad, Chuck Grassley, and the Conservative Capture of the Republican Party of Iowa, 1976-1986," *The Conservative Heartland: A Political History of*

*the Postwar American Midwest*, eds. Jon K. Lauck and Catherine McNicol Stock. Lawrence: University Press of Kansas, 2020.

“Replanting the Grassroots: The Remaking of the South Dakota Democratic Party from McGovern to Daschle, 1980-1986,” *The Plains Political Tradition, Vol. 3*, eds. Jon Lauck, John E. Miller, Paula Nelson Pierre: South Dakota Historical Society Press, 2018.

“‘Why We Must Save the Family Farm’: Midwestern Liberalism and Progressive Agricultural Policy, 1985-1996,” *The Liberal Heartland: A Political History of the Postwar American Midwest*, eds. Jon K. Lauck and Catherine McNicol Stock. Lawrence: University Press of Kansas [accepted; under review].

#### **Book Reviews:**

Review: Walter Nugent, *Color-Coded: Party Politics in the American West* (Norman: University of Oklahoma Press 2018), in *Annals of Iowa* vol. 78, no. 3 (Summer 2019), 322-324.

#### **Digital/Encyclopedia Articles and Samples:**

[“DFL Feminist Caucus”](#): MNopedia (Minnesota Historical Society), April 23, 2018

[“Near West Side History Project”](#): Marquette University, 2018

#### **FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS**

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New England Research Fellowship Consortium Award	2019-21
Everett M. Dirksen Congressional Research Grant	2018-19
Marquette University Arthur J. Schmitt Fellowship	2018-19
State Historical Society of Iowa Research Grant	2018-19
Paul Simon Papers Research Stipend, Southern Illinois University	September 2018
Marquette University Department of History Teaching Fellowship	2017-18
Minnesota Historical Society Legacy Research Fellowship	2017
Wisconsin Chapter of the Society of Colonial Dames of America Fellowship	2017
Young Scholars and Activists Fellowship, Working-Class Studies Association	June 2017
Travel Grant, Agricultural History Society Annual Meeting	June 2016/2018

#### **INVITED TALKS**

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Sheboygan County Historical Research Center: “Reviving the Midwestern Progressive Tradition in the 1980s,” November 6, 2021

Hastings College Senior Seminar: “Doing Archival Research: Tips, Tricks, and People Swearing on Official Letterhead,” August 20, 2020

Hastings College Senior Seminar: “Organizing Your Archival Research,” August 15, 2019

Paul Simon Public Policy Institute: “A Bow Tie, A Green Bus, A Painted Garage: Symbols of Midwestern Progressivism,” September 18, 2018

Center for Western Studies, Augustana University: “The Politics of the 1980s in South Dakota,” September 8, 2018

Minnesota Historical Society: “The Many DFLs of Rudy Perpich’s Minnesota,” January 10, 2018

#### **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

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- “The League was there for the Indians, so the Indians were there for the League’: Promises and Pitfalls of White-Native Organizing in the 1980s Midwest,” Northern Great Plains History Conference, September 22-25, 2021
- “We Voted Them to Go with Our Bucks’: The South Dakota Legislature Goes to Washington,” Agricultural History Society Meeting, June 4, 2021
- “The Rainbow in the Cornfields: Jesse Jackson, the Farm Crisis, and the Rebirth of Progressive Populism in the 1988 Democratic Primaries,” Organization of American Historians Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, April 18, 2021
- “He just said, ‘Well, hang in there’”: The Wisconsin Farm Unity Alliance and Western Wisconsin in the 1980s Farm Crisis,” Northern Great Plains History Conference, September 18, 2020 (postponed)
- Panelist, “Teaching Midwestern History: A Roundtable,” Midwestern History Association Conference, May 12-13, 2020 (postponed)
- “Do you want a Terry Branstad Party?’: Chuck Grassley, Terry Branstad, and the Battle for the Soul of the Iowa GOP,” Midwestern History Association, Grand Rapids, MI, May 31, 2019
- “Liberals, the Corn Belt, and the Making of the Congressional Populist Caucus,” Northern Great Plains History Conference, Mankato, MN, September 20, 2018
- “America Needs Farmers’: Hawkeye Football and State Exceptionalism in 1980s Iowa,” Midwestern History Association, Grand Rapids, MI, June 6, 2018
- Wild Bill’s War on Hogs: A Case Study of High Plains Responses to Free Trade, 1985-1998, Agricultural History Society Meeting, St. Petersburg, FL, May 25, 2018
- “Diverging Democrats: Minnesota and Wisconsin in the Farm Crisis Election of 1986,” Agricultural History Society Meeting, Grand Rapids, MI, June 10, 2017
- Panelist, “The New Midwestern Politics? A Roundtable on 2016 and Beyond,” Midwestern History Association, Grand Rapids, MI, June 7, 2017
- “From Farmhouse to Townhouse’: Building New Working-Class Coalitions in the 1980s Midwest, Working-Class Studies Association Conference, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN, June 1, 2017
- Panelist, “South Dakota Politics during the 1980s,” 49<sup>th</sup> Annual Dakota Conference on the Northern Plains, Augustana University, Sioux Falls, SD, April 22, 2017.
- “Corn Belt Meets Sun Belt: The Persistence of Liberalism in the Reagan-Era Upper Midwest,” Western History Association, St. Paul, MN, October 23, 2016.
- “Lessons in ‘Farmer-Labor’: The DFL in Rudy Perpich’s Minnesota,” Northern Great Plains History Conference, St. Cloud State University, September 16, 2016.
- “Reestablishing Rural-Urban Liberal Networks in the Upper Midwest during the Reagan Revolution,” Agricultural History Society, New York, June 25, 2016.

“Mikhail Gorbachev's Saint Paul Summit and the Construction of a New Midwestern Identity,” Midwest History Association Conference, Grand Valley State University, June 1, 2016.

“Remembering and Rebuilding Farmer-Labor Gains in 1970s Minnesota,” Great Lakes History Conference, Grand Valley State University, October 10, 2015.

“Socialists for a New Generation: Educating Young Radicals in Duluth and Milwaukee after the Great War,” Northern Great Plains History Conference, University of South Dakota, October 9, 2014.

“Time for a new *Minnesota Leader*’: Mounting Left-Wing Frustration with the DFL after 1944,” Midwest Labor and Working-Class History Conference, University of Illinois-Chicago, April 5, 2014.

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### **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

Subject Editor: Catherine McNicol Stock, *Nuclear Country: The Origins of the Rural New Right* (Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2020)

Social Media Chair, Midwestern History Association	2019-present
Grader, College Board AP Exam, U.S. History	2019-2020
Communications Chair, Marquette University Graduate Student Organization	2018-19
Digital Coordinator, Marquette University Near West Side Project	2016-18
Intern, Digital Scholarship Lab, Marquette University	2016-17
President, Marquette University History Graduate Student Organization	2016-17
Graduate Student Representative, John Professor Chair Hiring Committee	2015-16
Conference Organizer: What Was Achieved? Migration, Impunity, and Social Justice after the Peace Accords in El Salvador and Guatemala, Marquette University	October 2016
Conference Organizer: Conference on Gender, Sexuality, and Public Policy, Marquette University	April 2014

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### **DEPARTMENTAL TALKS**

Marquette University History Graduate Student Organization, “A Graduate Student’s Guide to Conferences,” September 28, 2017

Marquette University Digital Symposium, “The Near West Side Project [Digital Map Presentation],” September 28, 2017

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### **AWARDS AND HONORS**

Graduate Student of the Year (PhD), Marquette University Department of History	2017-18
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### **LANGUAGES**

English (native)  
German (reading)

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### **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

Agricultural History Society  
American Historical Association  
Midwestern History Association  
Organization of American Historians  
Urban History Association  
Working Class Studies Association