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EDUCATION

- **Ph. D. (World History)** Washington State University, Spring, 2011
Cumulative GPA: 3.93
Chair: Dr. Heather Streets-Salter

Dissertation: *“The Schoolmaster is Abroad”*: *The Diffusion of Educational Innovations in the Nineteenth Century British Empire* (2011)

Using the framework of diffusion theory, this dissertation explores the spread and modification of several educational methodologies in the British Empire, the metropole, and abroad. It focuses on the development of mutual instruction, foreign and imperial influences on the Upper Canadian school system, and the foreign observations of Matthew Arnold, a 19th century British school inspector. It concludes that adopted innovations in British education, whether in the metropole or the colonies, conformed to the processes identified by diffusion theory.

PAPERS, COMMENTS, AND PUBLICATIONS

- “Ireland as a Case Study of Imperial Education: Evidence and Implications,” 2nd Annual NWWHA Conference, 2005 and the Pacific Coast Conference on British Studies, 2007.
- “Book Review of William McNeill’s *Plagues and Peoples*,” *World History Connected*, Vol. 3, no. 1. October 2005.
- “Using Civilization Simulation Video Games in the World History Classroom,” *World History Connected*, Vol. 4, no. 2. February 2007. Presented: 15th Annual World History Association Conference, 2006 and the 3rd and 4th Annual NWWHA Conference, 2006 and 2007.
- “Book Review of Alexia Grosjean's and Steve Murdoch's (eds.) *Scottish Communities Abroad in the Early Modern Period*,” *World History Connected*, Vol. 3, no. 3. July 2006.
- “Book Review of Nicholas White's *Decolonization: The British Experience Since 1945*,” *World History Connected*, Vol. 4, no. 3. June 2007.
- “The British Empire,” Article, *The Oxford Encyclopedia of the Modern World* (2008).
- “Book Review of John Willinsky’s *Learning to Divide the World: Education at Empire’s End*,” *World History Connected*, Vol. 5, no. 2. February 2008.

- “Playing in Virtual Streets: Global Historical Themes in City Building Games,” 17th Annual World History Association Conference, 2008.
- Comment: "China: From the Local to the Global," 5th Annual NWWHA Conference, 2008.
- "From the Periphery to the Core: Race and Class in Andrew Bell's Madras System of Public Education," 7th Annual NWWHA Conference, 2010.
- “Video Games,” Article, *Commodities, Culture and History: The Products That Have Changed the World* (Facts on File, 2012 Forthcoming).
- "Diffusing Across Disciplines: Using Diffusion Theory in the Field of World History," 21st Annual World History Association Conference, 2012.
- Comment: "Constructing and Deconstructing Borders," 21st Annual World History Association Conference, 2012.
- "Payment by Results: Controlling Education Through Standardized Testing in the 19th Century," 22nd Annual North American Conference on British Studies, 2013.

COURSES TAUGHT

Instructor for Washington State University History Department, Portland State University History Department, and Clark College History Department:

2007-2010, 2011-Present

- **GenEd 111, WSU, WSU Online** (World History Since 1500)
- **History 102, WSU** (Modern Europe Since 1789)
- **History 102, PSU** (Europe from 1400-1789)
- **History 103, PSU** (Europe from 1789-Present)
- **History 105, WSU** (Roots of Contemporary Issues)
- **History 126, Clark** (World History Until 1600)
- **History 127, Clark** (World History from 1600-1789)
- **History 128, Clark** (World History Since 1789)
- **History 146, Clark** (US History to 1830)
- **History 272, WSU** (Introduction to Middle Eastern History)
- **History 305, WSU** (Roots of Contemporary Issues for Transfer Students)
- **History 306, WSU** (Peoples and Cultures of the Middle East)
- **History 436, WSU** (Global Imperialism)
- **History 450, WSU** (Europe Since 1945)
- **History 459, WSU** (History of Modern Britain)
- **History 495, WSU** (Space, Place, and Power in History)
 - Instructed approximately 1,500 students
 - Created class lectures
 - Wrote syllabi, designed assessments, set class policies, etc.
 - Graded assessments
 - Supervised Teaching Assistants
 - Met with students to answer concerns/questions

Integrated course materials with on-line learning environments, including Angel, Moodle, and Desire 2 Learn

OTHER ACADEMIC WORK

- **Instructor for the Clark College Continuing Education Program: 2012-13**
Taught three continuing education classes (The "B-Sides" of Global Imperialism, Irish History Part I, Irish History Part II)
- **Member of Oxford University Press Focus Group: 2012**
Evaluated the new world history text *Expansion and Exchange*
- **Editor for McGraw-Hill, Cengage Learning, and Southern Editorial: 2011-Present**
Created and revised materials for online learning environments and supplementary instruction material
- **Reader for the Advanced Placement World History Exam: 2011**
Graded AP exams as part of the 2011 national reading in Fort Collins, CO
- **Teaching Assistant for GenEd 111 (World History Since 1500): 2005-2006**
Graded all work related to the course
Assisted in administering the class and running study sessions
Acted as person of first contact for students
- **Instructor for ENGL 300: 2004-2005**
Taught two sections of ENGL 300 with a total of 25-30 students
Developed extensive curriculum
Created performance assessments
Graded all work and set classroom policies
- **Teaching Assistant for MIS 426: Fall 2003**
Developed curriculum and created performance assessments
Assisted with class organization and day-to-day issues
- **Instructor for Student Computing Services Training Program: 1996-2001**
Taught classes and developed class materials for 5-15 students
Managed 1-2 class helpers and assisted in selecting and training new instructors

ACADEMIC ADVISING

Academic Advisor for the College of Arts and Sciences: 2012-Present

- **Advisor for History and Social Sciences (History and Political Science) Majors: Fall 2013-Present**
Advised approximately 80 students
Participated in Preview Days
Participated in ROAR
Liaison between Depts. and College of Arts and Sciences Advising Center
Participated in VAC Committee

- **Advisor for History and Anthropology Majors: Fall 2012-Spring 2013**
 Advised approximately 120 students
 Participated in Preview Days
 Liaison between Depts. and College of Arts and Sciences Advising Center
 Participated in VAC Committee
 Created and held Graduate School Workshop events
- **Partial Advisor for Biological Sciences and Psychology Majors: 2013**
 Assisted with advising Biological Sciences and Psychology majors during re-staffing process
- **Coordinator for the Health Professions Graduate School Fair: 2013-Present**
 Recruited HPGSF exhibitors
 Collected exhibitor fees
 Secured space, supplies, and refreshments
 Promoted Fair to relevant students
- **Level I Certified, Pursuing Level II**

COMMITTEE SERVICE AND OTHER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES

- **President of the Northwest World History Association: 2012-Present (Member: 2005-Present)**
 Promoted the NWWHA regionally and nationally
 Coordinated the distribution of information on regional world history events
 Coordinated activities between the NWWHA and the California WHA
 Organized reception for the 4th Annual NWWHA Conference (as Graduate Student Coordinator)
 Organized the 1st Annual Joint Conference of the NWWHA and CWA (2012, as member of the Executive Committee)
 Maintained NWWHA online presence
 Promoted the NWWHA and the WSU RCI program at the 2nd Annual Joint Conference of the NWWHA and CWA (2014)
 Organized the 3rd Annual Joint Conference of the NWWHA and CWA (2015, as President)
- **Book Review Editor for the H-World Discussion Network: 2013-Present**
 Located texts for review
 Located book reviewers
 Edited book reviews
 Published reviews to the network
- **Vancouver Representative of the Roots of Contemporary Issues Steering Committee: 2014-Present**
 Provided reports regarding progress of RCI at WSUV
 Contributed suggestions for further improvements of RCI
 Collaborated with the WSU Vancouver Library to create WSUV-specific assessments
 Acted as liaison between Committee and WSU Vancouver faculty
 Participated in evaluation of RCI and non-RCI curriculum for meeting learning goals

Participated in securing and selecting the instructor for the WSUV RCI
Supplementary Instruction course

- **Search Committee Member for the Assistant to the Vice-Chancellor of Academic Affairs: 2013**
Assisted in developing assessment tools for candidates
- **Search Committee Member for Student Resource Center Advisor: 2013**
Assisted in developing assessment tools for candidates
Reviewed application materials
Participated in interviews
Participated in hiring recommendation
- **Participant in Hybrid/Online Course "Bootcamp": 2013**
Received instruction on best practices for hybrid course development
Created and implemented hybrid offering of History 305

OTHER EDUCATION

- **MBA (Marketing)** Washington State University, December 2002
Cumulative GPA: 3.89
- **Bachelor of Arts (History)** Washington State University, May, 2000
- **Bachelor of Arts (Anthropology)** Washington State University, May, 2000
Cumulative GPA: 3.90
summa cum laude

SCHOLARSHIPS AND OTHER AWARDS

- **WSU ACADA Outstanding Achievement in Academic Advising Award-New Faculty Category:** October, 2014
- **Johnson Graduate Fellowship:** March, 2008
- **History Department Graduate Research Fellowship:** March, 2008
- **Gillis Fund Grant:** March, 2008
- **Morris Reed Scholarship:** March, 2008
- **Gillis Fund Grant:** September, 2006
- **Phyllis and Richard Daugherty Scholarship for Undergraduate Student Excellence:** May, 1999
- **Freshman Mortar Board Award:** 1996
- **Undergraduate President's Honor Roll:** Awarded every semester during undergraduate career beginning in 1995

OTHER MEMBERSHIPS/APPOINTMENTS

- **WSU Vancouver Representative for the History Graduate Student Association:** 2008-09