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**Selected publications**

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**Short statement**

My field of research is environmental history of North America and Europe from the eighteenth through the twentieth century. I’m especially interested in endangered species, history of nature conservation and protection, and ideas on landscape, wilderness and resource use. In addition to environmental and cultural history of the American South, I have examined in my published work environmental attitudes of European immigrants to Canada, a range of conservation issues, and the methodology of environmental history and American Studies. My next book-length project, a 250 to 300 page scholarly monograph under contract, tentatively titled “Manly Nations through Nature: Hunting, Fishing, and the Wilderness Idea in North America and Northern Europe,” juxtaposes nineteenth and early twentieth century North American and European ideas about nature, landscape, and masculinity.

Environmental history has been my main academic interest since my undergraduate days in the mid-1980s. I have been an active member of the American Society for Environmental History (ASEH) since 1990 and the European Society for Environmental History since its founding in 2001. I regularly deliver papers at their meetings and have organized and/or chaired numerous panels on various aspects of environmental history at these and other academic conferences. I’d be delighted to take more official responsibility within the ESEH and utilize my experience and scholarly networks for the benefit of all Nordic environmental historians.