

## Curriculum Vitae

Kurt E. Kinbacher  
Chadron State College  
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### Education

University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Ph.D., History, May 2006  
Fields of Study: North American West and Comparative World History  
Dissertation: "Immigration, the American West, and the Twentieth Century:  
German from Russia, Omaha Indian, and Vietnamese-Urban Villagers  
in Lincoln, Nebraska."  
Directed by Dr. John R. Wunder

University of Alabama at Birmingham, M.A., History, 2000  
Thesis: "Old-Time Music in the New South: The Birmingham Perspective,  
1890-1950."  
Directed by Dr. Andre J. Millard

University of Minnesota, B.S., Secondary Education, 1992  
Teaching certificate granted by the State of Minnesota

University of Nebraska--Lincoln, B.A., History, 1980

### Teaching Experience

Associate Professor, Chadron State College, Fall 2017 to present

Undergraduate Courses:

World History to 1500  
United States to 1877  
United States since 1877  
Cultural Anthropology  
Global and Identity  
Belief and Culture  
Ancient West  
Ancient East Asia  
Modern East Asia  
Pacific Rim  
Great Plains Capstone  
Processes in World History  
Social Science Seminar  
Independent Study in the Four Fields of Anthropology

Graduate Courses:  
Global and Identity  
Modern East Asia  
Research Seminar

Assistant Professor, Chadron State College, Fall 2013 to Spring 2016

History Instructor (tenured), Spokane Falls Community College, Fall 2008 through Spring 2013

Courses:  
United States to 1877  
United States since 1877  
History of Japan  
History of China  
Native American History  
World History since 1500  
Pacific Northwest History

Lecturer, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Fall 2005 through Summer 2008

Courses:  
Colonial America  
Nebraska and the Great Plains  
Survey of Native America  
United States to 1877  
United States since 1877  
Western Civilization since 1715

Instructor, Nebraska Partnership for American History Education, Summer 2004  
Subject: American Indian History

Instructor, University of Alabama at Birmingham, January 2001 to June 2002

Courses: United States since 1877  
United States to 1877  
Western Civilization since 1648

## **Publications**

### **Books**

*Urban Villages and Local Identities: Germans from Russia, Omaha Indians, and Vietnamese in Lincoln, Nebraska.* Texas Tech University Press, 2015.

*Reconfigurations of Native North America: An Anthology of New Perspectives.* John R. Wunder and Kurt E. Kinbacher, ed., Texas Tech University Press, 2009.

## Articles

“Contested Events and Conflicting Meanings: Mari Sandoz and the Sappa Creek Cheyenne Massacre of 1875.” *Great Plains Quarterly* 36, no. 4 (Fall 2016): 309-26.

“Indians and Empires: Cultural Change among the Omaha and Pawnee, from Contact to 1808.” *Great Plains Quarterly* 32 (Summer 2012): 207-221.

“Beginnings,” *Reconfigurations of Native North America: An Anthology of New Perspectives*, John R. Wunder and Kurt E. Kinbacher, ed. Texas Tech University Press, 2009.

“Shaping Nebraska: An Analysis of Railroad and Land Sales, 1870-1880,” coauthored with William G. Thomas III. *Great Plains Quarterly* 28 (Summer 2008): 191-207.

“Imagining Place: Nebraska Territory, 1854-1867.” In Timothy R. Mahoney and Wendy Katz, ed., *Regionalism and the Humanities*. Lincoln: University of Nebraska Press, 2008, 251-73.

“Life in the Russian Bottoms: Community Building and Identity Transformation among Germans from Russia in Lincoln, Nebraska, 1876 to 1926.” *Journal of American Ethnic History* 24 (Winter 2007): 27-57.

“The Tangled Story of Kudzu.” *Vulcan Historical Review* 4 (2000): 45-69.

“The Old-Time Music Craze: A National Boom with a Local Echo in Birmingham, Alabama.” *Vulcan Historical Review* 3 (1999): 11-34.

*Vulcan Historical Review* is a peer reviewed Phi Alpha Theta student journal published at the University of Alabama at Birmingham.

## Encyclopedia Chapters

“The Native Americans during the Progressive Era and World War I, 1900-1920.” *Multicultural American Series*, Volume 7, Rodney P. Carlisle, ed., Golson Books, 2011.

“The Native Americans since 1990.” *Multicultural American Series*, Volume 7, Rodney P. Carlisle, ed., Golson Books, 2011.

## Translation

Burlington Road Land Commissioner. *B. & M. R. R. Land in Nebraska* [German Language edition]. Lincoln: *Nebraska Staats-Anzeigers*, 1882. 22 pages. *Railroads and the Making of Modern America*, <http://www.segonku.unl.edu/railroads>.

## Reviews

*Native But Foreign: Indigenous Immigrants and Refugees in the North American Borderlands* by Brenden W. Rensink, *Western Historical Quarterly*, forthcoming.

*Magpie's Blanket: A Novel* by Kimberly D. Schmidt and Jennifer A. Whiteman, *Western American Literature* 52, no. 4 (Winter 2018): 470-72.

*Fellow Tribesmen: The Image of Native Americans, National Identity and Nazi Ideology* by Frank Usbeck, *American Historical Review*, 122, no. 5 (December 2017): 1704-05.

*Photographing Custer's Battlefield: The Images of Kenneth F. Roahen*, by Sandy Bernard, *South Dakota History* 47, no. 2 (Summer 2017): 193.

*Immigrants in the Far West: Historical Identities and Experiences*, ed., Jessie L. Embry and Brian Q. Cannon, *Journal of American History* 102, no. 4 (March 2016): 1207-08.

*Gathering a Heritage: Ukrainian, Slavonic, and Ethnic Canada and the USA*, by Thomas M. Prymak, *Great Plains Quarterly* 36, no.1 (Winter 2016): 70-71.

*Before Custer: Surveying the Yellowstone, 1872*, ed., M. John Lubetkin, *South Dakota History*, 45, no. 4 (Winter 2015): 344-45.

*Railroaded: The Transcontinentals and the Making of Modern America*, by Richard White, *Kansas History* 36 (Winter 2013-2014): 275.

*The Big Empty: The Great Plains in the Twentieth Century*, by R. Douglas Hurt. *Western Historical Quarterly*, 43 (Autumn 2012): 363.

*Steamboats West: The 1859 American Fur Company Missouri River Expedition*, by Lawrence H. Larsen and Barbara J. Cottrell. *Terrae Incognitae: The Journal for the History of Discoveries*, submitted, forthcoming.

*Getting Good Crops: Economic and Diplomatic Survival Strategies of the Montana Bitterroot Salish Indians, 1870-1891*, by Robert J. Bigart. *Pacific Northwest Quarterly*, 102 (Spring 2011): 98-99.

*Hunting and Trading on the Great Plains, 1859-1875*, by James R. Mead. *Kansas History: A Journal of the Central Plains*, 32 (Spring 2009): 79.

*The Journey of Crazy Horse: A Lakota History* and *Walking with Grandfather: The Wisdom of Lakota Elders*, both by Joseph M. Marshall III. H-Amindian, posted December 2007.

*Letters From the Dust Bowl*, by Caroline Henderson, edited by Alvin O. Turner; and *Magnificent Failure: A Portrait of the Western Homestead Era*, by John M. Campbell, introduction by Kenneth W. Karsmizki. *New Mexico Historical Review* 79 (Winter 2004): 130-32. Review essay co-authored with John R. Wunder.

*In the Midst of All That Makes Life Worth Living: Polk County, Florida, to 1940*, by Canter Brown, Jr. H-Florida (March 2002), <http://www2.h-su.edu/reviews/showrev.cgi?path=213561016468974>.

*Many Thousands Gone: The First Two Centuries of Slavery in North America*, by Ira Berlin. *Vulcan Historical Review* 5 (2001): 117-19.

*Melancholy Accidents: The Meaning of Violence in Post-Famine Ireland*, by Carolyn A. Conley. *Vulcan Historical Review* 4 (2000): 153-55.

*Guns, Germs, and Steel: The Fates of Human Societies*, by Jared Diamond. *Vulcan Historical Review* 3 (1999): 127-29.

## **Other**

Dust Jacket endorsement, *Operation Snowbound: Life Behind the Blizzards of 1949* by David W. Mills, North Dakota State University Press, 2018.

Dust Jacket endorsement, *Social Aesthetics and the School Environment* by Adam I. Attwood, Palgrave Macmillan, 2018.

Robert M. Utley, Western History Presidents' Profiles, 2012,  
<http://www.westernhistoryassociation.org/wp-content/uploads/Utley1.pdf>.

Clark C. Spence, Western History Presidents' Profiles, 2012,  
<http://www.westernhistoryassociation.org/wp-content/uploads/spence-clark1.pdf>.

## **Research Experience**

Post Doctoral Researcher, *Railroads and the Making of Modern America*, digital history project, William A. Thomas III, director, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, May 2006 to May 2008.

Legal Research Consultant, December 2007 through March 2008.

Transcriber, Reuben Jackson Family Letters from 1835 to 1877, Birmingham Alabama, Spring 2002.

## **Paper Presentations**

"The Long Journey to Birmingham: The Movement behind KKK's Jailhouse Letter," Martin Luther King, Jr., Day Program, Chadron State College, January 2020.

Panel Chair, "Teaching the North American West: Session #1 The Library of Congress Teaching with Primary Sources – Western Region," Western History Association Annual Conference, October 2018.

"Contested Events and Conflicting Meanings: Mari Sandoz and the Sappa Creek Cheyenne Massacre of 1875," Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, University of Nebraska Lincoln, February 2017.

“Writing the West into a World Curriculum,” Western History Association Annual Conference, October 2014.

“Life in the Roman Province: Place, Space, and Indoor Plumbing in Emona (Ljubljana, Slovenia),” Graves Lecture Series, Chadron State College, October 2014.

“Mari Sandoz and the Mysterious Case of the Sappa Creek Cheyenne Massacre of 1875,” Mari Sandoz Conference, Chadron, Nebraska, September 2014.

“Vietnamese Communities and Identity Construction in Lincoln, Nebraska, 1975-2005,” Missouri Valley History Association Conference, March 2014.

“Walking the Kumano Kodo: An Exercise in World History,” Graves Lecture Series, Chadron State College, March 2014.

“‘Authentic’ Jazz in the Inland Northwest: Changing Notions of Race, Class, and Music in a White Man’s Country, 1920 to 1950,” Pacific Coast Branch of the American Historical Association Conference, August, 2013.

“Community Colleges in Washington in Historic Context,” The History and Current State of Affairs at Academic Community Colleges: A Report from the Four Corners of the North American West. Western History Association Conference, October 2012.

Panel Chair, “Identity and Urban Spaces,” Western History Association Conference, October 2010.

“Using Scholarly On-Line Source in the History Classroom,” Digital Frontiers: A Digital History Workshop, Western History Association Conference, October 2010.

“Settlement Patterns and Identity Transformation among *Reichs* and *Volks Deutsch* Farmers in Southeastern Nebraska, 1870 -1900,” Organization of American Historians Conference, March 2009.

“Migrant and Immigrant Communities in Southeastern Nebraska, 1870-1880: A GIS Analysis of the Colonization of Burlington Railroad Lands,” Round-table discussion entitled: “New Directions in Railroad History: Using Digital Tools to Address Social, Political, and Demographic Mobility in Nebraska and Beyond,” Western History Association Conference, April 2008.

“Thoroughly Modern Homesteading: GIS Analysis of Burlington Railroad Land Preemption in Lancaster County and Clay County Nebraska, 1870-1880,” Center for Great Plains Studies Symposium, “Homesteading Reconsidered,” May 18, 2007.

“Railroad Lines, Railroad Towns, and Railroad Homesteads: GIS Analysis of Burlington Activities in Lancaster County and Clay County, Nebraska, 1870-1886,” Dakota Conference, *Railroading the Plains*, Augustana College, Center for Western Studies, April 2007.

“Urban Omahas in Lincoln, Nebraska: Community Building and Identity Transformation, 1941-2005,” Western History Association Conference, October 2006.

“Urban Villages and Local Identities: Omahas, Germans from Russia, and Vietnamese in Lincoln, Nebraska,” Plains Humanities Alliance Research and Region Roundtable, Lincoln, Nebraska, October 26, 2005.

“Life in the Russian Bottoms: Community Building and Identity Transformation among Germans from Russia from 1880 to 1920,” Missouri Valley History Conference, March 2005.

“Imagining Place: Nebraska Territory, 1854-67,” Regionalism and the Humanities, Lincoln, Nebraska, November 2003.

“The Congress of Berlin, 1878: Bismarck’s Role in Settling the ‘Eastern Question’,” Phi Alpha Theta Regional Conference, Birmingham, Alabama, April 2000.

“The Tangled Story of Kudzu,” Phi Alpha Theta Biennial Convention, Tampa, Florida, December 1999.

## **Service**

“Life on Two Wheels: A Travelogue of American Culture and History,” Sandoz Center Presentation, October 24, 2019

Referee for Platinum Eagle Award, Spring 2019

Graduate Committees – Outside Reader, 2018-19

Matthew Dolegowski – Educational Administration – February 19, 2019

Brant Douglas – Educational Administration – April 1, 2019

Shawna Cox – Curriculum and Instruction – April 16, 2019

Jonnathan McLain – Educational Administration – April 25, 2019

Thesis Director, Brandon Santos, “South Korean Nationalism and the Legacy of Park Chung Hee: How Nationalism Shaped Park’s Agendas and the Future Korean Sociopolitical Landscape,” Chadron State College, successfully defended in November 2018

Constitution Day Presentation, “Equality Before the Law,” Chadron State College, September 18, 2018

Teaching and Learning Center Presentation, “Peer Review of Student Essays: Improving Practices and Learning from the Literature,” November 8, 2017

Presentation, “Looking Through a Non-Western Lens: Global Leadership Styles,” Nebraska State College Leadership Conference,” Chadron State College, October 27, 2017

Guest Lecturer, Home on the Range First Year Experience Class, “Creating Knowledge: Research and Publication for Freshmen Year and Beyond,” October 12, 2017

RLOP Academic Advisor and Member of Selection Committee, Fall 2017 to present

Member of Wayfinding Task Team, Fall 2017 to Spring 2018

Judge, Social Science Club Debate on the Legal Drinking Age, October 2016

Chair of Pilster Lecture and Mari Sandoz Symposium, Chadron State College, January 2016 to present

Teaching and Learning Center Presentation, “Academic Study Table,” April 14, 2016

Moderator, Social Science Club Debate on Gun Control, April 2016

North Dakota State University Press, Manuscript Reviewer, “Helpful Neighbors and Friendly Strangers: Surviving the Blizzard of 1949,” January 2016

Midwestern Association of Graduate Schools, Thesis Reader, “‘Just Rage’: Causes of the Rise in Violence in the Eastern Campaigns of Alexander the Great,” December 2015

Moderator, Social Science Club Debate on the Death Penalty, November 4, 2015

MAE History Graduate Committees, 2017-20 – students who earned degrees

Patrick Pace, November 15, 2019

Brandon Santos, Fall 2018 (thesis director and chair)

Nicki Jo Svoboda, Spring 2017 (project director)

Shyrel Petersen, Summer 2017 (project director and chair)

Guest Lecturer, Home on the Range First Year Experience Class, “Mari Sandoz and the *Beaver Men*,” September 23, 2015

Sandoz Center Committee, Fall 2015-present

Faculty Advisor to Student Senate, Fall 2015-present

Teaching and Learning Center Advisory Committee, Fall 2015-Spring 2016

Faculty Advisor for Chadron Landsurfers, Spring 2015-Spring 2016

Chadron State College Library Book Buyers Committee, Fall 2014-Spring 2016

Chadron State College Faculty Senate Committees

a. Student Academic Appeals Committee, 2014-16

b. Educational Technology Committee, 2014-16

c. Graduate Council, 2015-2018, 2018 to present

d. Rank Tenure and Promotion Committee, 2018-19 (Secretary)

e. Faculty Senate, 2019 to present



#### Chadron State College Search Committees

- a. Adjunct Instructor in World Language, Summer 2014
- b. Economist Assistant Professor, Fall 2015
- c. Adjunct Instructor of Sociology, Fall 2015
- d. Student Activities Coordinator, Fall 2016
- e. English Assistant Professor, Spring 2017

History Day Judge, Chadron State College, April 2014, April 2015, April 2016, March 2017, April 2018, March 2019.

Board Member, Mari Sandoz Society, September 2013 to present.

Faculty Academic Advisor in Chadron State College START Office, Spring 2014 to 2018.

Faculty Advisor, SFCC Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the international community college honors society, January 2012 to June 2013.

SFCC certified student advisor, 2009 to 2013.

#### SFCC Search Committees

- a. Annualized Psychology Instructor, Summer 2010
- b. Adjunct History Instructor, Fall 2010
- c. Dean of Social Sciences, Winter 2011
- d. Sociology Instructor, Spring 2011
- e. President, Winter and Spring 2012
- f. Tenure-line Anthropology Instructor, Spring 2013

Panel Speaker, "Chinese Exceptionalism: Structure and Stability from the Shang Dynasty to Sun Yat-Sen and Beyond," SFCC Chinese Culture Day, February 15, 2011.

Faculty Representative to Spokane Falls Community College Student Government, January 2010 to present.

Chair, Western History Association Community College Steering Committee, October 2010 to October 2012.

Spokane City/County Historic Landmarks Commission October 2009 through December 31, 2013.

Spokane Falls Honors Taskforce, Faculty Chair, May 2010 to June 2012.

Spokane Falls Community College "Human Rights" Theme Committee, 2009-2010.

Native American College Initiative Committee, Spokane, fall 2008 to 2010.

Member, Western History Program Committee for October 2010 annual meeting.

Member, Western History Association Community College Steering Committee, fall 2008 to present.

Guest Lecturer, "The History of Nebraska," 2008 Chinese XJUCC Cultural Summer Program, July 21, 2008.

Panel Commentator, "Transnational Identities and Developing Relationships in North American Indigenous Communities," James A. Rawley Conference in the Humanities, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, April 2008.

Guest Lecturer, "The History of Nebraska," Spring 2008 Senshu University Exchange Program, University of Nebraska, February 21, 2008.

Co-Director, Undergraduate Distinction Thesis, "Language Loss in Nebraska," 2007-08.

Panel Chair, "Water, Economic Development, and Federal Power," James A. Rawley Conference in the Humanities, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, April 2007.

Lecturer on Immigration and Ethnicity in Nebraska, Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, Lincoln, Nebraska, March 19, 2007.

Nebraska History Day, Nebraska Wesleyan University. Center for Great Plains Studies awards judge, April 22, 2006. Panel judge, April 19, 2008.

Panel Chair, "Theft, Religion, and the Ku Klux Klan: Conflict and Resolution in 20th Century Nebraska," James A. Rawley Conference in the Humanities, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, April 2006.

## **Related Experience**

"Peer Review" MP4 submitted to CSC "The March for Best Practice" wall, March 2017.

Essential Studies Summer Institute, Chadron State College, May 2014, Capstone Courses.

Reviewer, *American Passages: A History of the United States*, Vol 2, 5<sup>th</sup> Edition, for Cengage Publishing, Spring 2011.

Reviewer, "Chapter 16: Conquering a Continent, 1861-1877," James Henretta, et. al, *America's History* (Bedford/St. Martins, forthcoming edition), January 2010.

Reader, Advanced Placement Exams in United States History, Educational Testing Services, San Antonio, Texas, June 2003, June 2005, June 2006, June 2007, and June 2008.

Graduate Teaching Assistant, Department of History, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, August 2002 to Spring 2006.

Reviewer, *The Social Fabric: American Life From 1607 to 1877*, 8th edition, for Longman Publishers, April 2001.

Indexed and edited manuscript for Samuel L. Webb and Margaret E. Armbruster, eds., *Alabama Governors: A Political History of a State* (University of Alabama Press, 2001).

Graduate Assistant, Department of History, University of Alabama at Birmingham, April 1999 to December 2000.

Managing Editor of *Vulcan Historical Review*, 2000.

Contributing Editor of *Vulcan Historical Review*, 1999.

### **Awards and Honors**

Nominated for Eagle Impact Award, Spring 2019

Faculty Development Grant, Chadron State, September 2019

Research Institute Grant, Chadron State College, October 2015, "The Meanings of Hong Kong: A Cross-Cultural Comparison"

Faculty Development Grant, Chadron State College, September 2015

Faculty Development Grant, Chadron State College, September 2014  
Tenure, Spokane Falls Community College, March 2011

Nominated for Outstanding Alumni award, University of Alabama at Birmingham, September 2009

Addison E. Sheldon Fellowship in History, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Spring Semester 2006

Marguerite C. and Clare McPhee Memorial Fellowship, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Spring Semester 2005

David Hart White Award, University of Alabama at Birmingham, May 2000

Key Note Speaker, Sigma Chi Graduate Research Day awards banquet, University of Alabama at Birmingham, April 2000

First Place for the presentation of "The Tangled Story of Kudzu," Sigma Chi Graduate Research Day, University of Alabama at Birmingham, April 2000

Second Place for the presentation of "The Old-Time Music Craze: A National Boom With a Local Echo in Birmingham, Alabama," Sigma Chi Graduate Research Day, University of Alabama at Birmingham, April 1999

## **Research Languages**

German  
Omaha

## **Research Tools**

Geographic Information System (GIS)

## **Professional Associations**

Mari Sandoz Heritage Society  
Western History Association