

CURRICULUM VITAE

ERIC STEVEN ZIMMER

2022

POSITIONS HELD

**A.B. Hammond Visiting Assistant Professor (2022–2023)
of Western United States History**

Department of History
University of Montana
Missoula, MT

Senior Historian (2016–2021)

Vantage Point Historical Services, Inc.
Rapid City, SD

Primary Projects:

- Ford Foundation Oral History Project, New York
- [Legler Benbough Foundation Case Studies](#), San Diego
- [Rapid City Historic Preservation Commission Historic Context and Comprehensive Plan Update](#), South Dakota
- [MHA \(Mandan, Hidatsa, Arikara\) Nation Interpretive Center exhibits](#), North Dakota
- [Deadwood Welcome Center exhibits](#), South Dakota
- [Deadwood History and Information Center exhibits](#), South Dakota
- [Tufts University School of Dental Medicine Digital Museum](#), Boston
- [Expanding the Energy Horizon: A History of Black Hills Corporation Since 1883](#)
- [The Questions is "Why?" Stanford M. Adelstein: A Jewish Life in South Dakota](#)

Volunteer Project Historian (2015-present)

[Rapid City Indian Boarding School Lands Project](#)

EDUCATION

Ph.D., American History (2016)

University of Iowa

Graduate Certificate in American Indian and Native Studies (2016)

University of Iowa

M.A., American History (2012)

University of Iowa

B.S. (Honors), History and Political Science (2010)

Black Hills State University

SELECTED WRITING AND CONTENT DEVELOPMENT

- Red Earth Nation: Reclamation and Recovery on Meskwaki Land* (under contract, “Environment and Modern North America” series, University of Oklahoma Press, 2019).
- “At the Vertex of Water and Stone: Preserving Landscape and Memory in Rapid City,” *South Dakota History* 51, no. 4 (Winter 2021): 319–49.
- “Fewer Rabbis Than U.S. Senators: Jewish Political Activism in Twentieth Century South Dakota,” co-authored with Art Marmorstein and Matthew Remmich, in *The Plains Political Tradition: Essays on South Dakota Political Culture*, Vol. III, ed. Jon K. Lauck, John E. Miller, and Donald C. Simmons, Jr. (Pierre: South Dakota State Historical Society Press, 2018): 112–39.
- “A President in Indian Country: Calvin Coolidge and Lakota Diplomacy in the Summer of 1927,” *Great Plains Quarterly* 37, no. 3 (Summer 2017): 215–234.
- “Building the Red Earth Nation: The Civilian Conservation Corps-Indian Division on the Meskwaki Settlement,” *Native American and Indigenous Studies* 2, no. 2 (Fall 2015): 106–133.
- “Settlement Sovereignty: The Meskwaki Fight for Self-Governance, 1856 to 1937,” *Annals of Iowa* 73, no. 4 (Fall 2014): 311–347.
- “Repatriating Place, Or, How History Moves Mountains,” *Repatriation Files*, February 8, 2016, <http://www.the-repatriation-files.org/?p=292> (accessed February 9, 2016)
- “Harney’s Violent History,” *Rapid City Journal*, Saturday, March 28, 2015, http://rapidcityjournal.com/news/opinion/yours-harney-s-violent-history/article_10ca9f8c-dd33-5919-8aa5-6a93ec4a3bb5.html (accessed March 28, 2015)
- “State Historical Society vital investment for UI, city, state,” *Iowa City Press-Citizen*, Sunday, March 8, 2015, <http://www.press-citizen.com/story/opinion/contributors/guest-editorials/2015/03/08/shsi-vital-investment/24504503/> (accessed March 9, 2015)
- “Obama at Standing Rock: The Next Vital Steps,” *Indian Country Today Media Network*, Friday, July 11, 2014, <https://indiancountrytoday.com/archive/obama-at-standing-rock-the-next-vital-steps> (accessed July 11, 2014)
- “Is Deadwood Gambling with History? (Parts 1 and 2)” *Public History Commons*, May 7, 2014, <https://ncph.org/history-at-work/is-deadwood-gambling-with-history-part-1> (accessed May 28, 2021)

SELECTED GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS, AND AWARDS

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| 2022 | Windrose Fund Grant (supplemental book grant for <i>Red Earth Nation</i>) |
| 2021 | Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, principal grant author and co-PI with Bobbie Koch, award to support the construction of the Rapid City Indian Boarding School Lands Project’s Wakǰányeža Wíčhákiksuyapi (Remember the Children) Children’s Memorial |
| 2021 | Monument Lab Re: Generation Grant, principal grant author, award to support the Rapid City Indian Boarding School Lands Project |
| 2021 | Windrose Fund Grant (documentary film grant for RCIBSL Project) |
| 2021 | Autry Public History Prize, Western History Association (with the Project Team for the Rapid City Indian Boarding School Lands Project) |
| 2020 | Alice Smith Prize in Public History, Midwestern History Association (with the Project Team for the Rapid City Indian Boarding School Lands Project) |
| 2020 | Honorable Mention, Outstanding Public History Project Award, National Council on Public History (with Heather Dawn Thompson, on behalf of the Rapid City Indian Boarding School Lands Project) |
| 2017 | Rachel Carson Prize for Best Dissertation, American Society for Environmental History |
| 2015 | Research Grant, Phillips Fund for Native American Research, American Philosophical Society |

- 2015 Graduate Student Research Excellence Award in Fine Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences,
UI Office of the VP for Research and Economic Development
- 2015 Mildred Throne–Charles Aldrich Award, State Historical Society of Iowa Board of Trustees
- 2015 Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award, UI Council on Teaching
- 2014 Research Travel Grant, Center for Global and Regional Environmental Research
- 2014 Albert J. Beveridge Research Grant, American Historical Association
- 2014 Henry Horowitz Prize for Best Syllabus by a Graduate Instructor, UI History Dept.
- 2013 Outstanding Master’s Thesis Award, Iowa History Center at Simpson College
- 2012 State Historical Society of Iowa Research Grant
- 2013 Obermann Graduate Institute on Engagement and the Academy Senior Fellowship
- 2011–2016 UI Walton/Dean’s Graduate Fellowship

OTHER PROFESSIONAL SERVICE, VOLUNTEERISM, AND EXPERIENCE

- 2022– Member, Public History Committee, Department of History, University of Montana
- 2021 Member, Community Engagement Committee, *Rapid City Journal*
- 2018–2021 Board Member, Museum Alliance of Rapid City (Journey Museum and Learning Center)
- 2018 Co-Organizer, Second Annual Black Hills Indigenous Writer’s Festival: Celebrating Native
Women Writers, Rapid City, SD
- 2014–2021 Editorial Board, *Middle West Review*
- 2011–2013 Volunteer Judge, Undergraduate Research Festival, University of Iowa
- 2009 Museum and Archives Intern, Wind Cave National Park