

# Doug Sam

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## EDUCATION

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PhD, History, Anticipated 2028

University of Oregon

Fields: Environmental History, United States History, Native American History and Studies

Dissertation Proposal: “As Above, So Below: An Environmental History of Astronomy.”

Advisor: Marsha Weisiger

MA, Environmental Humanities, 2022

University of Utah

Thesis: “Forgetting and Remembering Native Land Use and History in the Wasatch Back.”

Advisor: Gregory E. Smoak

BS, Environmental Studies and Geography, Sociology minor, 2018

University of Oregon

Robert D. Clark Honors College

Thesis: “Indigenous Perspectives on the Occupation of Malheur.” *Passed with Honors.*

Advisor: Peter Walker

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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Environmental History, Native American History, North American West, Public Lands, Dark Sky Studies, Environmental Humanities

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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Research Assistant, Lissa Wadewitz, “Sex, Lies, and Legal Tape: Whaling the Pacific World.” Apr. 2024—Sep. 2024

Heritage Trail Intern (Chinese and Chinese American History), Willamette Falls & Landing Heritage Area Coalition, Oregon City, OR, Apr. 2023—Sep. 2023.

Environmental Humanities Graduate Fellow, Summit Land Conservancy, Park City, UT, Jan. 2021—May 2022.

## PUBLICATIONS

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Review of Christof Mauch, *Paradise Blues: Travels through American Environmental History* trans. Lucy Jones (Winwick, UK: The White Horse Press, 2024) for *H-Environment*. In Progress.

## CONFERENCE ACTIVITY

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“Colonialism and Eclipses: Native Americans and Astronomers Contest the Creation of the American West, 1860-1890,” Oxford XIII/International Astronomical Union Symposium 399, International Society for Archaeoastronomy and Astronomy in Culture, Melbourne, VIC, accepted for Jul. 2025.

“Sky and Earth II: Historians, Astronomers, and the Sustainability of the Space Environment,” Roundtable, American Society for Environmental History, Pittsburgh, PA, accepted for Apr. 2025. Roundtable Organizer.

“Appropriating Native History and Perpetuating White Innocence with the Supernatural at Sherman Ranch, Uinta Basin, Utah,” Western History Association, Kansas City, MO, Oct. 2024.

“Native Americans and the Dark Sky Movement,” American Society for Environmental History, Denver, CO, Apr. 2024, Panel Organizer: “History after Dark: Histories of Nighttime Environments and Cultures.”

“Making Tribal History Shared History: Tensions with Native History in Oregon Outdoor Education,” Western History Association, Los Angeles, CA, Oct. 2023, Panel Co-Organizer (with Jack Evans): “Resistance and Reckoning: Erasure, Violence, and Revitalization in Indigenous Representation in Education.”

“Dark Sky Places, Native Spaces: Mesa Verde and a Model for Critical Indigenous Involvement in Dark Sky Parks,” Artificial Light at Night Conference, Calgary, AB, Aug. 2023.

Chair, Artificial Light at Night Conference, Calgary, AB, Aug. 2023.

“Sovereignty Under Threat: Historical Explanations for the Paiute Rejection of the Militant Takeover of the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge, Oregon,” Poster, Association for Environmental Studies and Sciences + Association for the Study of Literature and the Environment, Portland, OR, July 2023.

“If It Were Also Unique: Irrigators, Urbanites, Women’s Clubs, and Federal Conservation in the Debate Over Hetch Hetchy,” Roundtable, Western History Association, San Antonio, TX, Oct. 2022.

“Northern Paiute Responses to the Occupation of Malheur: Decolonizing Discourses over Public Lands in the American West,” Undergraduate Research Symposium, Eugene, OR, Apr. 2018

“Collaboration and Conflict: Exploring Contemporary Relationships of Indigenous Peoples and the Government of Oregon,” Undergraduate Research Symposium, Eugene, OR, Apr. 2018

“‘Nature’s Especial Repository:’ Symbolic Meaning in Gerald of Wales’s Descriptions of the Environment in the British Isles,” Undergraduate Research Symposium, Eugene, OR, Apr. 2015.

## COLLEGIATE TEACHING

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Graduate Teaching Fellow, Department of History, University of Oregon

HIST 201- Inventing America (Discussion), Winter 2025

HIST 215- Food in World History (Discussion), Fall 2024

HIST 273- Global Environmental History (Grading), Spring 2024

Guest Lecture: “The Anthropocene.”

HIST 201- Inventing America (Discussion), Winter 2024

HIST 250- African American History to 1877 (Discussion), Fall 2023

Guest Lecture: “Indian Removal and the Expansion of Slavery in the American South.”

HIST 378- American Environmental History to 1890 (Grading), Spring 2023

HIST 191- China Past & Present (Discussion), Winter 2023

HIST 104- World History (Discussion), Fall 2022

Clark Honors Introductory Program Leader, Robert D. Clark Honors College, University of Oregon

HC 199H- Hidden Knowledge, Fall 2016

HC 199H- Sustainability, Fall 2015

Invited Guest Lectures

“Environmental Justice and History in California,” ESPM 198- Berkeley Connect, Department of Environmental Science, Policy, and Management, University of California, Berkeley, Fall 2021.

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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Field Instructor (Outdoor Science Instructor), MESD Outdoor School, Portland, OR, Sep. 2018—Jun. 2022.

## PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS AND ENGAGEMENT

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“Chinese History in the Willamette Falls & Landing National Heritage Area,” Willamette Falls & Landing Heritage Area Public Talks with the Wilsonville Historical Society, Wilsonville Public Library, Wilsonville, OR, May 2024.

“Interpreting Native Dark Skies in the State Parks: Challenge and Opportunities,” Invited Workshop, Oregon State Parks, Mountain Region Interpretive Gathering, Cottonwood Canyon State Park, Wasco, OR, Mar. 2024.

“Land Acknowledgements,” Invited Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Workshop, Compassion in World Farming, Virtual, Aug. 2022.

“Decolonization, Conservation, and Outdoor Education: Challenges and Opportunities to Teach Native History and Build Relationships with Tribes in the Wasatch Back, Utah,” Mellon Community Fellow Presentation, University of Utah, Salt Lake City, UT, Nov. 2021.

“Race and Outdoor Education,” MESD Outdoor School “Just Practices” Presentation, Portland, OR, Series Co-Organizer. Virtual, Apr. 2020.

## SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP

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Willamette Falls and Landing Heritage Area Coalition Board, Jun. 2024—Pres.

Committee on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, American Society for Environmental History, Apr. 2024—Pres.

DarkSky Advocate, DarkSky International (DarkSky Oregon Chapter), July 2023—Pres.

Co-President, History Guild, Department of History, University of Oregon, Jun. 2023—Jun. 2024.

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Coordinator, Early Career Caucus (formerly Graduate Student Caucus), American Society for Environmental History, May 2023—Pres.

Departmental Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee, Department of History, University of Oregon, Apr. 2023—Jun. 2024.

MESD Outdoor School Staff Advisory Board, MESD Outdoor School, Portland, OR, Dec. 2020—May 2022.

Environmental Humanities Community Practitioner-in-Residence Hiring Committee, University of Utah, Dec. 2020.

Outdoor School Organized, Unionization Leadership Committee Member, Portland, OR, December 2019—Jul. 2020.

Tsuga Community Commission, Secretary, Portland, OR, Dec. 2019—Oct. 2019.

Common Reading Committee, University of Oregon, April 2015—Jun. 2018.

Clark Honors College Student Association, President, May 2017—Jun. 2018.

*Oregon Undergraduate Research Journal*, Editor, University of Oregon, Mar. 2018—Jun. 2018.

Faculty-in-Residence Hiring Committee, University Housing, University of Oregon, Apr. 2017.

## HONORS AND AWARDS

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WHA Graduate Student Prize, Western History Association, 2024.

William M. Nord Scholarship, Department of History, University of Oregon, 2024—2025.

Richard M. Brown Summer Grant, Department of History, University of Oregon, 2023, 2024

Turner Prize, Department of History, University of Oregon, 2023—2024.

James E. and Dorothy M. Geddes Memorial Graduate Scholarship, Department of History, University of Oregon, 2022—2023.

Mellon Community Graduate Fellowship, Environmental Humanities Graduate Program, University of Utah, 2020—2022.

Best Seminar Paper Award, Environmental Humanities Graduate Program, University of Utah, Spring 2021.

Diversity Excellence Scholarship, University of Oregon, 2014—2018.

Summit Scholarship, University of Oregon, 2014—2018.

PathwayOregon (Full Tuition and Fees), University of Oregon, 2014—2018.

Leslie Endicott Scholarship, University of Oregon, 2016

Joy Poust Scholarship, Robert D. Clark Honors College, University of Oregon, 2016.

Mildred L. Clifford Scholarship in the Liberal Arts, College of Arts and Sciences, University of Oregon, 2015.

#### PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

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American Historical Society, American Society for Environmental History, Western History Association, Native American and Indigenous Studies Association

#### LANGAUGES AND SKILLS

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Mandarin Chinese (Intermediate Advanced), Cantonese (Beginner), Ichishkín (Beginner).

GIS (ArcGIS and QGIS, Proficient), Cartography (Adobe Illustrator, Novice).