Jacob Schmidt

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EDUCATION

University of Montana Master of Arts in History 2022 Thesis: "Damming Paradise: Public Power, Free Enterprise, and Tribal Sovereignty in the Mountain West in the Twentieth Century"

Committee Chair: Dr. Tobin Miller Shearer – History, African American Studies Readers: Dr. Jeff Wiltse – History, Dr. Brian Chaffin – College of Forestry and Conservation

Whitworth University Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy Bachelor of Arts in Peace Studies *Cum Laude*, 2016

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Environmental History, Western US History, Native American History, Energy History, History of River Development, Labor History, Twentieth Century Political History, Latin American History, Peace and Conflict Studies, Political Ecology, Religious Movements

PUBLICATIONS

"Review: The Greater Plains: Rethinking a Region's Environmental Histories, Kathleen Brosnan and Brian Frehner eds. (University of Nebraska Press: 2021)," South Dakota History 52, no. 3 (September, 2022), 288–89.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

"The Buffalo Rapids Controversy," *Phi Alpha Theta Conference*, Bellingham, WA, April 22–24, 2022.

"Keeping Secrets: The 'Do Not Publish' Ethic and the Experience of Wildness in Montana Rock Climbing," *Montana History Conference*, Red Lodge, MT, September 29–October 1, 2022.

RELEVANT PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

University of Montana: Teaching Assistant - August 2020 - May 2022

- Assisted in teaching American History and European History courses. Led weekly discussion groups, gave feedback on student writing, graded exams, engaged students in online forums, and provided assistance to help students succeed.
- Courses: American History to 1877 with Dr. Claire Arcenas, American History to 1877 with Dr. Kyle G. Volk, American History since 1877 with Dr. Michael Mayer, and Western Civilization 2 with PhD candidate Elizabeth Barrs

Montana Rock Climbing Oral History Project - May 2022 - Present

Recording oral history interviews with rock climbers and mountaineers, primarily in

Western Montana. These interviews will be archived and serve as the evidentiary base for an article which is in progress as well as the Western Montana Climber's Coalition's ongoing documentation project.

University of Montana Mansfield Library: Archival Assistant - May - June 2021

Processed the records of the Birchwood Hostel. Conducted oral history interviews with the founders of Birchwood.

Save Our Wild Salmon Coalition: Inland Northwest Outreach Coordinator/Contractor -March 2017 – July 2020 (With some gaps)

Wrote materials used for outreach such as newsletter articles, blog posts, social media content, and planning documents. Composed the 2018 Columbia River Hot Water Report. Organized events including the Loaves and Fishes tour and the Free the Snake Flotilla: a three day rally and gathering including a 600+ boat float on the Snake River. Gave presentations on salmon, hydropower, and economics to college groups, faith communities, and conservation organizations.

Earth Ministry: Board Member - November 2017 - November 2021

 Contributed to the work of organizing communities of various faiths around environmental issues in Washington state through adult education and fundraising. Helped craft a 5 year strategic plan for the organization's transition from a Christian organization to a multifaith organization.

ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE

Western Cider Taphouse: Trivia Host - 2021–Present Freestone Climbing Center: Youth Programing, Front Desk, Climbing Instructor - 2021–Present Patterson Cellars: Tasting Room Attendant - Summer 2019 Sparkling Spas of Leavenworth: Hot Tub Maintenance - Summer 2019 Orion Expeditions: Whitewater Guide - Summer 2019 WOOF Greece: Farm Labor - Fall 2018 ROW Adventures: Whitewater Guide, Food Tour Guide - 2017 - 2019 World Relief: Employment Intern and Refugee Mentor - 2015 - 2016 Whitworth Outdoors: Trip Lead - 2014 - 2016 Whitworth U-Rec: Climbing Wall Attendant - 2015 - 2016 Whitworth Admissions: Tour Guide - 2015 - 2016 Whitworth Grounds Crew: Irrigation Specialist - Summer 2015 Tall Timber Ranch: Camp Counselor, Expedition Guide - Summers 2014 & 2016 Whitworth.fm Radio: Radio Manager & Program Host - 2013 - 2015 Kipos Community Garden: Garden Manager/Volunteer - August 2013 - May 2016

AWARDS

Robert O. Lindsay Scholarship - 2020 Winifred Alice Vincent Taylor and Emmett Gordon Taylor Scholarship in Montana History - 2021 John T. McNay Sr. Memorial Award for outstanding first year graduate work - May 2021 Whitworth University Outstanding Philosophy Graduate of the Year - 2016

MEMBERSHIPS

American Society for Environmental History: 2022

COMMITTEES

University of Montana Student Evaluation Committee: 2020, 2021

LANGUAGES Spanish: Intermediate reading, beginner speaking Greek: Beginner reading and speaking