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Education

Ph.D., 2003 University of New Hampshire, Department of History, Jeff Bolster and Jan Golinski, co-chairs.

M.A., 1998 University of New Hampshire, Department of History.

B.A., 1992 Boston University, European History.

Academic Positions

Associate Professor of History, University of Connecticut, August 2012 –present.

Assistant Professor of History, University of Connecticut, 2006 –2012.

Maritime Studies Faculty, Sea Education Association, Woods Hole, Mass., 2003 –2006.

Government and Governance Positions

Connecticut Obligatory Seat, New England Fisheries Management Council, August 2012 – present.

US Member to International Council for Exploration of the Seas, Working Group History, 2015 - present.

Board of Trustees, Pine Point School, Stonington, Conn., 2015 - present.

Board Member, New England Chapter, Backcountry Hunters and Anglers, 2015 - 2016.

Principal Teaching Fields

North Atlantic Marine Environmental History, Colonial North America, US Labor and Social History, Student Independent Research, Historical Methods and Historiography, Historical Marine Ecology.

Publications

Forthcoming Work:

McKenzie, Matthew G., “Breaking the Banks: Cultural Representation and Environmental Catastrophe on Georges Bank” (book project working title).

McKenzie, Matthew G., “The Archer’s Paradox: The Evolution of a Liberal, Academic, Environmentalist Deer-Hunter” (book project working title).

Books:

McKenzie, Matthew G., *Clearing the Coastline: The Nineteenth Century Ecological and Cultural Transformation of Cape Cod* (Hanover, New Hampshire: University Press of New England, 2011).

Articles and Book Chapters:

Loren McClenachan, Andrew B. Cooper, Marah Hardt, Matthew McKenzie, and Joshua A. Drew, “Conservation Implications of Omitting Historical Data Sources: Response to Baisre,” *Conservation Biology* (November, 2015).

Loren McClenachan, Joshua Drew, Andrew Cooper, and Matthew McKenzie, “The Importance of Surprising Results and Best Practices in Historical Ecology,” *BioScience* 65 (9): 932-939.

Matthew McKenzie, “Modernity and Marine Environmental History: Cultural Influences on the Mechanization of Georges Bank Fisheries, 1905-1932.” In Franziska Torma and John Gillis (eds.), *Fluid Frontiers* (Whitehorse Press, 2014).

McKenzie, Matthew G., “History’s Slippery Slope into Nostalgia.” In Loren McClenachan, ed., *Marine Historical Ecology in Conservation* (University of California Press, 2014).

Chiarappa, Michael, and Matthew G. McKenzie, “New Directions in Marine Environmental History: Introduction to the *Environmental History* Forum,” (January, 2013).

Matthew McKenzie, “The Widening Gyre: Rethinking the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Collapse, 1850-2000.” In Heidbrink and Starkey, eds., *A History of the North Atlantic Fisheries, Volume II: The Modern Period* (Bremerhaven, Germany: Deutsche Schiffartsmuseum, 2012).

Matthew McKenzie, “Iconic Fishermen and the Fates of New England Fisheries Regulations, 1883-1912.” *Environmental History* 17 (January 2012), pp. 3–28.

Matthew McKenzie, “Baiting Our Memories: The Impact of Offshore Technology Change on the Species Around Cape Cod, 1860-1895.” In David Starkey, Poul Holm, and Michaela Barnard (eds.), *OceansPast: Management Insights from the History of Marine Animal Populations* (2007), pp. 77-89.

Matthew McKenzie, “Navigating Federalism: Federalists, the Boston Marine Society, and the Establishment of Federal Authority in Boston, 1789-1792.” *Northern Mariner/Le Marin du Nord* vol. XVI, no. 3 (July, 2006), pp. 1-14.

Randall R. Reeves, Matthew G. McKenzie, and Tim D. Smith, “History of Bermuda shore whaling, mainly for humpback whales,” *Journal of Cetacean Research and Management*, vol. 8, no 1. (2006), pp. 33-43.

Claesson, Stefan C., and Matthew McKenzie, for Andy Rosenberg (PI), "Stellwagen Bank Marine Historical Ecology, Phase I: Historical Sources Survey Report." Prepared for the Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary, NOAA Contract/Grant No. NA04NO54290190 (2005).

Rosenberg, Bolster, Alexander, Leavenworth, Cooper, and McKenzie, "The History of Ocean Resources: Modeling Cod Biomass Using Historical Records," *Frontiers in Ecology and the Environment*, vol. 3, no. 2 (2005), pp. 78-84.

Matthew McKenzie, "Salem as Athenaeum: Academic Learning and Vocational Knowledge in the Early Republic," in Morrison, Dane Anthony, and Nancy Lusignan Schultz, eds., *Salem: Place, Myth and Memory* (Boston: Northeastern University Press, 2004), pp. 91-105.

Review Essays And Encyclopedia Entries:

McKenzie, Matthew G., "Fisheries and Fishing." Hugh Sloten, ed., *The Oxford Encyclopedia of the History of American Science, Medicine, and Technology* (Oxford University Press, 2014).

Matthew McKenzie, "Clearing the Coastline: The Nineteenth Century Ecological and Cultural Transformation of Cape Cod: A Roundtable Response," *International Journal of Maritime History*, vol. XXIII, no. 2 (December, 2011), pp. 359-363.

Matthew McKenzie, "Roundtable: Reviews of George A. Rose, *Cod: The Ecological History of the North Atlantic Fisheries*, with a Response by George A. Rose." *International Journal of Maritime History*, vol. XX, no. 1 (June 2008), pp. 320-326.

Book Reviews:

Chris Pastore, *Between Land and Sea: The Atlantic Coast and the Transformation of New England* (2014). *Journal of American History*, vol. 102, no. 2 (September 2015), pp. 527-528.

John R. Gillis, *The Human Shore: Seacoasts in History* (2012). *Environmental History*, vol. 18 (October, 2013), pp. 813-814.

Connie Chiang, *Shaping the Shoreline: Fisheries and Tourism on the Monterey Coast* (2008). *International Journal of Maritime History*, vol. XXI, no. 1 (June 2009), pp. 398-400.

Eric Jay Dolin, *Leviathan: The History of Whaling in America* (2007). *International Journal of Maritime History*, vol. XIX, no. 2 (2007), p. 478.

Tjossem, *The Road to PICES: Scientific Cooperation in the North Pacific* (2005). *Isis*, vol. 97, no. 4 (2006), pp. 802-803.

Virginia M. Walsh, *Global Institutions and Social Knowledge: Generating Research at the Scripps Institution and the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission, 1900s-1990s* (2004). *Environmental History*, vol. 11, no. 1 (2006), pp. 160-162.

William B. Gould IV, *Diary of a Contraband: The Civil War Passage of a Black Sailor* (2002). *Journal of Southern History*, vol. 70 (2004), pp. 446-447.

Paul Gilje, *Liberty on the Waterfront: American Maritime Culture in the Age of Revolution* (2004). *The Northern Mariner/Le Marin du Nord, Nord*, vol. 14, no. 2 (2004), pp.307-308.

Dissertation

“Vocational Science and the Politics of Independence: The Boston Marine Society, 1754-1812.” PhD Dissertation, University of New Hampshire (2003). Jeff Bolster, Jan Golinski (co-chairs), Eliga Gould, Jennifer Selwyn, Dane Morrison.

Grants

University of Connecticut Humanities Institute Fellowship. 2011-2012.

University of Connecticut Research Foundation Large Grant, Summer 2008.

Massachusetts Historical Society Short Term Fellowship for Maritime History, April, 2002.

Selected Conferences, Lectures, and Invited Presentations

“Lessons for the Future from the Past: Cape Cod fisheries in the 17th and 18th Centuries,” Penobscot East, Fisheries Licensing for the Future, Freeport, Maine, 6-8 September, 2012.

“A History of Denial: Cultural Representation and Environmental Catastrophe on Georges Bank, 1872-Present,” University of Connecticut Humanities Institute Fellows Conference, Storrs, Conn., 30 March 2012.

“Trusts in Cod: Waterfront Access and Colonizing Boston’s Marine Environment, 1890-1914.” American Society for Environmental History, Madison, Wisconsin, 29 March 2012.

“Cape Cod’s Historic Lessons for the Future of Marine Resource Management,” Environmental Defense Fund Inc., Boston, Mass., 22 March 2012.

Commentary on Nate Deshmukh Towery (MIT), “Moving Heaven and [Fish, Whales, and Shells]: Official Interest in the Marine Resources of Massachusetts, 1620-1791.” Boston Area Environmental History Seminar, Massachusetts Historical Society, 24 January 2012.

“Modernity and Marine Environmental History: Cultural Influences on the Mechanization of Georges Bank Fisheries, 1905-1912.” Final Frontiers Conference. Island Institute and LMU Munich Rachel Carson Center, Rockland, Maine, October 2011.

“Integrating History into Modern Ecology: The Challenges of Blending Past and Present Marine Ecosystems.” University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth Division of Fisheries and Oceans Seminar Series, Fairhaven, Mass., 20 April 2011.

“Recovering the Coastal Dialog: Science and the Humanities in Marine Environmental History.” SUNY Stony Brook Humanities Institute Coastlines Lecture Series, Stony Brook, New York, 10 and 11 March 2011.

“Iconic Fishermen and the Fates of New England Fisheries Regulations, 1883-1918.” Massachusetts Historical Society, Environmental History Seminar; Boston, Mass., 12 October 2010.

“Vanishing Fish, Erased Fishermen: Cultural Celebration and Ecological Decline on the Cape Cod Shore, 1840-1870.” American Historical Association Annual Meeting, 9 January 2010, San Diego, California, USA.

“Curbing Commodification: Biology, Culture, and Management in the Southern New England Colonial Inshore Fisheries.” North Atlantic Fisheries History Association Annual Meeting, 21 August 2009, Old Dominion University, Norfolk, Virginia.

“When Declining Fisheries Came Ashore: Ecological Decline and the Advent of Tourism on Cape Cod, 1860-1910.” Oceans Past II: The History of Marine Animal Populations Project (HMAP) Annual Meeting, 26 May 2009, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada.

(with Peter Auster) “The Southern New England Weir Fishery: Patterns of Fish Diversity, Abundance, and Human Drivers, 1885-1914.” Oceans Past II: The History of Marine Animal Populations Project (HMAP) Annual Meeting, 26 May 2009, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada.

“The Virus of Tourism: Ecological Decline and Social Dislocation on Cape Cod, 1870-1900.” North American Society for Oceanic History Annual Meeting, 15 May 2009, Vallejo, California, USA.

“Science and the Political Economy of an Industrialized Fishery: An Ecosystem-Based Study of the 19th Century Southern New England Inshore Fishery.” American Historical Association Annual Meeting, 2 January 2009, New York, New York, USA.

“Science and the Political Economy of an Industrialized Fishery: An Ecosystem-Based Study of the 19th Century Southern New England Inshore Fishery.” North Atlantic Fisheries History Association Conference, 19 September 2007, Bergen, Norway.

“Speaking for the Fish: Local Authority, Fisheries Science, and the Crusade to Privatize the Southern New England Anadromous Fisheries, 1866-1878.” American Society of Environmental History, Minneapolis, MN, March 29-April 2, 2006.

“Baiting our Memories: Offshore Technology Change and Their Impacts on Inshore Species around Cape Cod, 1860-1895.” OceansPast, Kolding, Denmark, October 24-27, 2005.

Panel Organizer: “Knowing the Oceans.” Three Societies’ Meeting, Halifax, Nova Scotia, August, 6-8, 2004.

“Vocational Science and Fishermen as Historic Ecological Indicators.” Northeast Fisheries Science Center, February 3, 2004.

Professional, University, and Public Service

Professional Service:

Northeast and Atlantic Canada Environmental History Forum:
Co-founder and Steering Committee member, March 2012 to present.

University of Connecticut:

Avery Point Visioning Committee, April 2014 to present.
Environmental Studies Advisory Board, University of Connecticut, Fall 2011 to present.
Legacy Leadership Program Mentor, 2011-2012.
Holster Undergraduate Research Program Advisor, 2010-2011.
Nutmeg Scholars Program Mentor, 2010-2012.
Honors Student Advisor, 2007-2008 and 2011-2012.
Conference Director, 2010 NASOH, CAMM, NMHS, SSHSA, and SNR Annual Meeting, 13-16
May, 2010, University of Connecticut, Avery Point and Mystic Seaport Museum.

Census of Marine Life, History of Marine Animal Populations (HMAP):

Publications Committee, October 2008-October 2011.
Steering Committee, October 2011 to May 2012.

Public Presentations:

“Myth and History in Contemporary Environmental Policy: Lessons for the Rest of Us.” University of Connecticut History Department Prize Day Address, 27 April 2012.

“Laying the Foundation for Resource Over-Use: The Ecological Consequences of Revolution in Cape Cod’s Coastal Ecosystem, 1775 to 1818.” Friends of Minuteman National Park Winter Lecture Series, 3 March, 2010, Trinity Episcopal Church, Concord, Mass.

“New England’s First Fisheries Crisis: Economy, Ecology and Fishery Politics on the Southern Coast, 1830-1870.” NOAA Heritage Week, February 2007, Silver Spring, Maryland.

“Baiting our Memories: Offshore Technology Change and Their Impacts on Inshore Species around Cape Cod, 1860-1895.” Wellfleet Harbor Public Conference, November, 2006, Wellfleet, Mass.

“Offshore Technology Changes and their Impacts on Inshore Species around Cape Cod, 1860-1895.” Cape Cod Natural History Conference, March 20, 2005, Barnstable, Massachusetts.

“Vocational Science and Fishermen as Historic Ecological Indicators.” Northeast Fisheries Science Center, February 2004, Woods Hole, Mass.

Workshops:

Faculty Member, “The American Maritime People.” NEH Summer Institute at the Munson Institute of American Maritime Studies, National Endowment for the Humanities and Mystic Seaport Museum, Summer, 2010-2012.

Faculty Member, “Teaching American History” Grant, Hudson, Massachusetts Schools, July, 2010.

Courses

University of Connecticut:

“Mountains to Maritimes: New England Environmental History”

“Marine Environmental History and Historical Marine Ecology (co-taught with Marine Science faculty)”

“Colonial America: Native Americans, Slaves, and Settlers.”

“Work and Workers in American Society”

American Studies Capstone Research Seminar

Maritime Studies Capstone Research Seminar

History Capstone Research Seminar

Sea Education Association:

“Science, Empire, and Conquest: A Maritime History of the North Atlantic, 1100-1915”

“Ocean Ontologies: Science and Seafaring in the Pacific, 1100-1838”

“Ecological Decline and Cultural Erasure: A Maritime History of the Pacific Northwest”