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Fall 2022 Lectures

Follow on [YouTube](#) and [Facebook](#) to find which of these lectures will be livestreamed. Lecture titles are tentative and room locations are tentative. Updates will be posted on the individual Facebook Event page (linked below). View all upcoming events here: <https://www.facebook.com/pg/BYUReddCenter/events>.

22 September 2022

Jennifer Ortiz, Director of the Utah Division of State History

(Annual "Fernando R. Gomez Lecture on Latinos," Sponsored by the BYU Department of History)

Location: 1060 HBLL, Reynolds Auditorium

6 October 2022

William Tanner, Editor of the *Pioneer* magazine, winner of 2021 Clarence Dixon Taylor Award

- *Pioneer Settlement of Utah County*

(Annual Clarence Dixon Taylor Lecture)

Location: B192 JFSB, Education in Zion Auditorium

3 November 2022

Adam M. Sowards, Professor Emeritus of History, University of Idaho

- *Making America's Public Lands: The Contested History of Conservation on Public Lands*

(Annual William Howard and Hazel Butler Peters Lecture)

Location: B192 JFSB, Education in Zion Auditorium

18 November 2022

Tiffany J. Gonzalez, Asst. Professor of History, James Madison University

- *Chicana Politics: How Women Shaped the Political Sphere Since the 1970s*

(Cosponsored with Global Women's Studies)

Location: 238 HRCB

For previous lectures visit our YouTube Channel:

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YouTube Channel

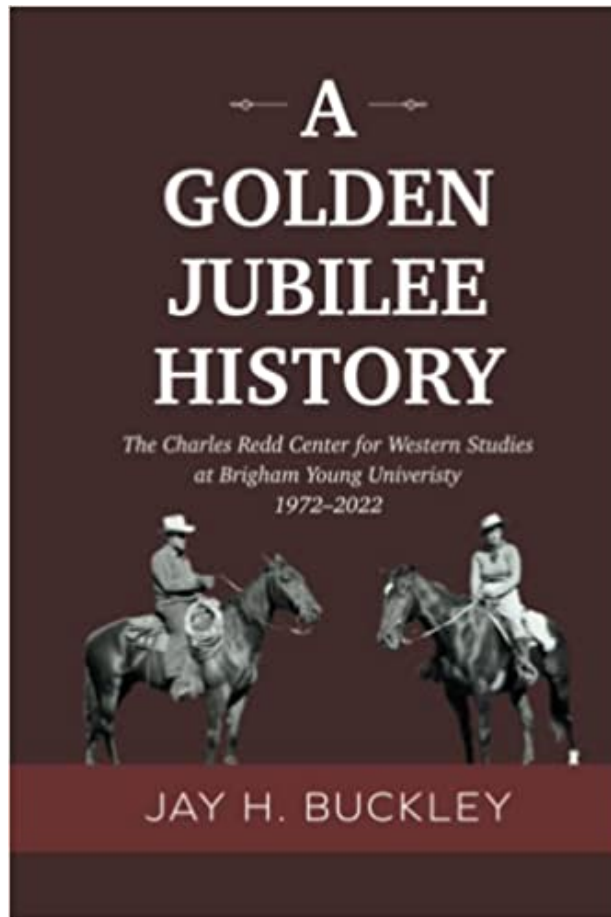


50-Year Administrative History

As a part of our celebration of the Redd Center's 50th Anniversary, Director Jay Buckley prepared and published an administrative history of the Center. He was aided by previous Redd Center staff and faculty, the Redd family, and BYU Special Collections in collecting materials, data, and stories. Capturing in print everything the Redd Center has accomplished in the past

half century is clearly impossible, but Buckley's book offers a compelling survey of how the Center has grown and evolved, the innumerable projects it has supported, and the people who have aided along the way.

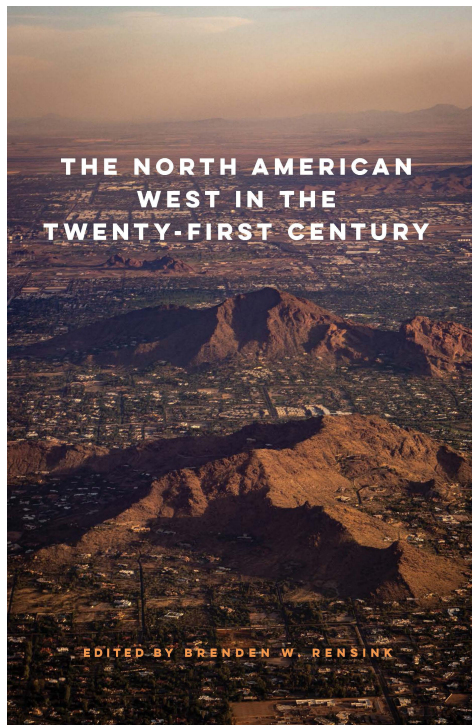
A Golden Jubilee History: The Charles Redd Center for Western Studies at Brigham Young University by Jay H. Buckley



[Purchase on Amazon]

New Anthology Available for Pre-Order

In Summer 2019, Associate Director Brenden W. Rensink hosted a seminar workshop, gathering established and emerging scholars working on histories of the "modern" American West. Each wrote a chapter-length piece that the small groups workshopped, and in subsequent months, edited and revised for publication. A couple additional chapters, a foreword by Patricia Nelson Limery, and an afterword by Frank Burgon were added along the way and the resulting anthology, *The North American West in the Twenty-First Century*, is being published by the University of Nebraska Press in November 2022. Below is a description and supporting blurbs.



[Pre-order from the [University of Nebraska Press](#) or [Amazon](#)]

In 1893 Frederick Jackson Turner famously argued that the generational process of meeting and conquering the supposedly uncivilized western frontier is what forged American identity. In the late twentieth century, “new western” historians dissected the mythologized western histories that Turner and others had long used to embody American triumph and progress. While Turner’s frontier is no more, the West continues to present America with challenging processes to wrestle, navigate, and overcome.

The North American West in the Twenty-First Century, edited by Brenden W. Rensink, takes stories of the late twentieth-century “modern West” and carefully pulls them toward the present—explicitly tracing continuity with or unexpected divergence from trajectories established in the 1980s and 1990s. Considering a broad range of topics, including environment, Indigenous peoples, geography, migration, and politics, these essays straddle multiple modern frontiers, not least of which is the temporal frontier between our unsettled past and uncertain future. These forays into the twenty-first-century West will inspire more scholars to pull histories to the present and by doing so reinsert scholarly findings into contemporary public awareness.

“Anthologies such as *Trails Toward a New Western History* (1991) have marked seminal moments in the developing field of western history. Brenden Rensink’s collection *The North American West in the Twenty-First Century* is a new landmark volume in this tradition, one that marks a seminal moment in our understanding of what contemporary western history is. The contributors—a distinguished and adventurous group of emerging and established scholars—take on the vital issues of environment, Indigenous sovereignty, labor and migration, and politics, and place the transition to the twenty-first century at the forefront of our thinking. Every scholar and student of the West needs to engage with this important collection.”—David M. Wrobel, author of *America’s West: A History, 1890–1950*

“This book is in the vanguard of scholarship on the twenty-first-century West. It will provide a benchmark for future generations of historians as they assess [this time period].”—Todd Kerstetter, author of *Inspiration and Innovation: Religion in the American West*

Redd Center 50th Anniversary

On March 25, 2022, the Redd Center hosted a series of events to celebrate the 50th anniversary of our founding in 1972.

BYU REDD CENTER 50TH ANNIVERSARY JUBILEE

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FRIDAY, MARCH 25, 2022

All Day: Special Collections Charlie Redd Exhibit, 1130 HBLL

1:30 PM: Panel of Past Redd Center Directors, 1060 HBLL

2:45 PM: Birthday Cake, 1131 HBLL

3:15 PM: Panel of Charlie and Annalee Redd's Children, 1060 HBLL

7:00 PM: Annalee Naegle Redd Lecture, 1060 HBLL

Annalee Naegle Redd Lecture: Gregory E. Smoak, *History, University of Utah*

HISTORY AT THE CENTER(S) OF THE WEST:

Regional Studies Centers and Public History Practice

7:00 PM, 1060 HBLL

Panels and lecture streamed at tinyurl.com/ReddLive



The opening panel with former (and current) Redd Center Directors and Staff (Thomas Alexander, Jessie Embry, Ed Geary, Brian Cannon, Jay Buckley, and Brenden Rensink) surveyed the history of the center and how emphases and programming have evolved. Watch the panel below.



Following this, a reception was held with treats and conversation. It was great having an opportunity for faculty, students, and others to interact with each other and members of the Redd family. Special Collections hosted a special exhibit in their lobby outside the reception showcasing documents and artifacts from the Redd family.



After the reception, we enjoyed a panel with all of the surviving children of Charles and Annaley Redd. They shared stories about their parents. Watch the panel below.



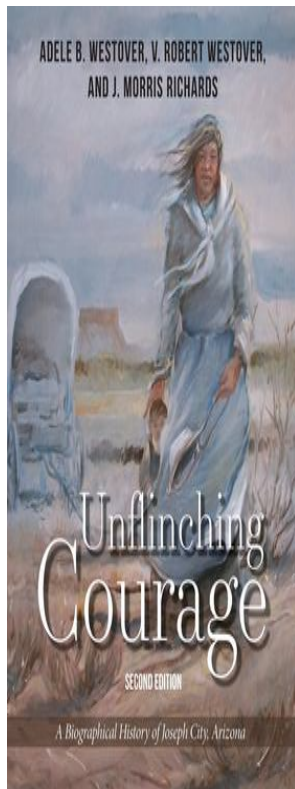
At the June 2022 Mormon History Association Conference, we held another iteration of the Director's panel, with specific attention given to the Redd Center's longstanding relationship with the MHA. This has been a foundational relationship, with the Redd Center and MHA both benefiting from decades of interaction and mutual support.



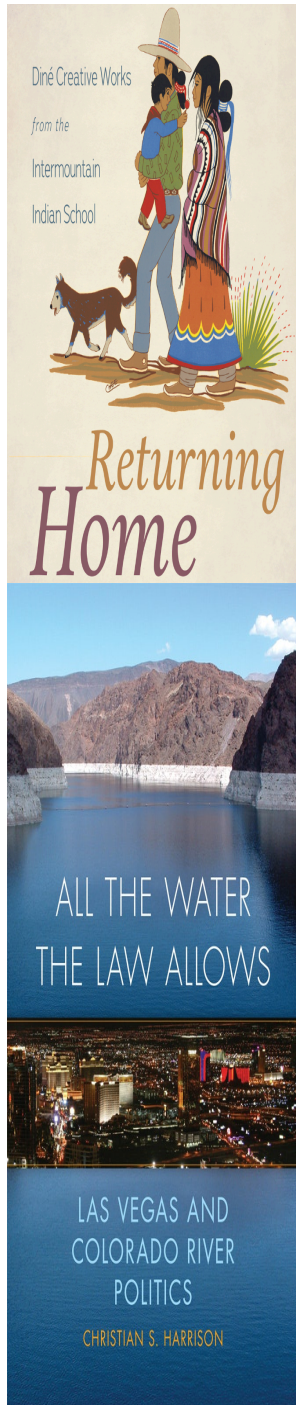
The Redd Center will host a public reception to celebrate the 50th anniversary the evening of October 14 at the Western History Association conference in San Antonio, TX.

Recent Publication Grants

The Redd regularly awards publication grants to support presses publishing books on the American West. Presses use these subventions for a variety of purposes such as including additional images or maps, improving production quality, or lowering list price. Below are books that have been supported by recent Redd Center publication grants.



Adele B. Westover, V. Robert Westover, and J. Morris Richards. *Unflinching Courage: A History of Joseph City, Arizona, and Its People*. 2nd ed. Ingram-Sparks, 2021.



Diné Creative Works
from the
Intermountain
Indian School

Returning Home

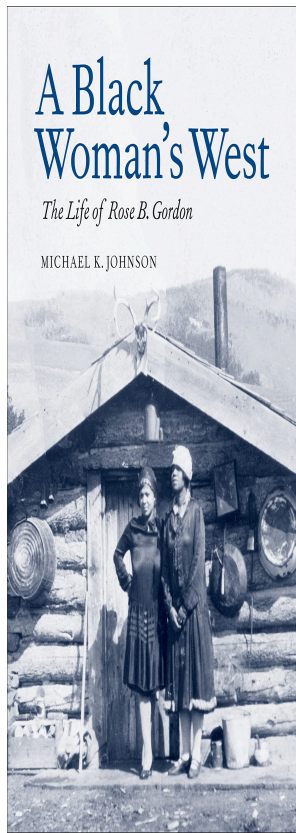
ALL THE WATER
THE LAW ALLOWS

LAS VEGAS AND
COLORADO RIVER
POLITICS

CHRISTIAN S. HARRISON

Farina Noelani King, Michael P. Taylor, and James R. Swensen, eds. *Returning Home: Diné Creative Works from the Intermountain Indian School*. University of Arizona Press, 2021.

Christian S. Harrison. *All the Water the Law Allows: Las Vegas and Colorado River Politics*. University of Oklahoma Press, 2021.



Michael K. Johnson. *A Black Woman's West: The Life of Rose B. Gordon*. Montana State Historical Society, 2022.

Writing Westward Podcast Update



After a 1-semester pause, the *Writing Westward Podcast* is relaunching in January 2022 with monthly episodes. Each episode features a conversation with writers of new work on the North American West, sampling from a variety of disciplines and subfields. The podcast is hosted and produced by Redd Center Associate Director, Professor [Brenden W. Rensink](#).

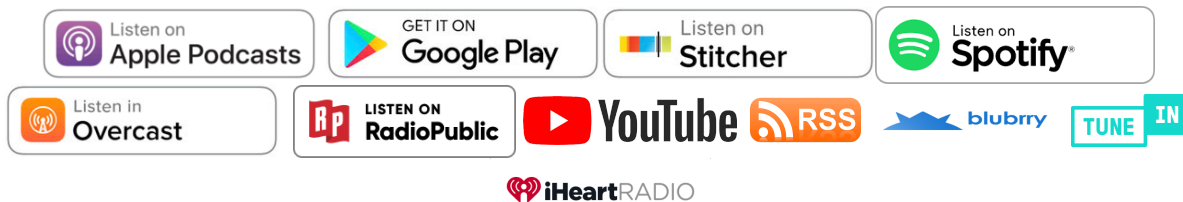
Recent Episodes:

(full episode list at www.writingwestward.org)

- **045 - Josh Garret-Davis**
 - *What is a Western? Region, Genre, Imagination* (Sept. 2022)
- **044 - Robert Chaney**
 - *The Grizzly in the Driveway: The Return of Bears to a Crowded American West* (Aug. 2022)
- **043 - Christian S. Harrison**
 - *All the Water the Law Allows: Las Vegas and Colorado River Politics* (July 2022)
- **042 - Jon T. Coleman**
 - *Nature Shock: Getting Lost in America* (June 2022)
- **041 - Corinna Cook**
 - *Leavetakings: Essays* (May 2022)
- **040 - Sarah Deutsch**
 - *Making a Modern U.S. West: The Contested Terrain of a Region and Its Borders, 1898-1940* (Apr. 2022)
- **039 - Sara Humphreys**
 - *Manifest Destiny 2.0: Genre Trouble in Game Worlds* (Mar. 2022)

- **038 - James McGrath Morris**
 - *Tony Hillerman: A Life* (Feb. 2022)
- **037 - Ryanne Pilgeram**
 - *Pushed Out: Contested Development and Rural Gentrification in the US West* (Jan. 2022)

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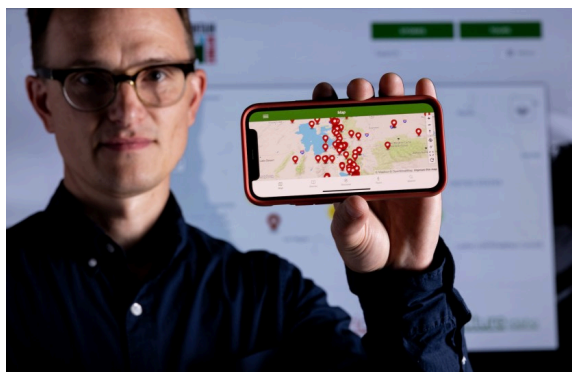
Connect with Writing Westward on Social Media



Intermountain Histories Update



The *Intermountain Histories* project curates local histories on a website (<http://www.intermountainhistories.org>) and free mobile apps (iOS and Android). Stories are written by students from universities around the Intermountain West, and in collaboration with various professors.

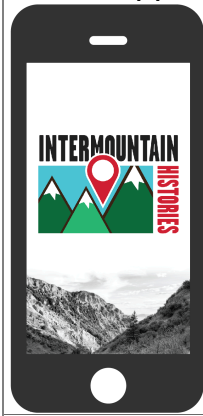


Recent

Stats:

- Appx. 650 stories with more being added every few weeks
- 15 Collaborating Professors at 8 Universities
- Over 400 student authors
- 17 BYU Student Interns and 10 BYU Student Research and Editorial Assistants
- Appx. 8,000 website users per month

Mobile Apps:



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iOS / iTunes Store



Google Play
Android Store



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Incoming and Outgoing People at the Redd Center

Advisory Board Changes

After many years of service, Val Anderson (BYU Dept. of Plant and Wildlife Sciences), Adam Brown (BYU Dept. of Political Science), and Dennis Cutchins (BYU Dept. of English) completed their terms on the Redd Center Advisory Board. In these capacities they helped guide Redd Center activities, judge in the annual awards cycle, and aid in various other initiatives. The Redd Center could not function as it does without their support. In their stead, two new members have been added to the Advisory Board: Brock McMillan (BYU Dept. of Plant and Wildlife Sciences) and Mike Taylor (BYU Dept. of English).

Fall 2022-Winter 2023 Intermountain Histories Research and Editorial Assistant

Lindsey Meza



Lindsey is studying History at BYU with a minor in Latin American Studies, with an April 2023 graduation date. She plans to continue her education by obtaining a Master's degree in History. After a semester as the IH Intern she is continuing on as the project Research and Editorial Assistant.

Fall 2022 Intermountain Histories Intern

Sydney Wilson



Sydney Wilson is from Stansbury Park, UT, and majoring in history with a legal studies minor. She is excited to participate in this project, believing that everyone should learn more about history. This project makes learning accessible and easy.