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EDUCATION

- 2016 Ph.D., History, Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas.
 Dissertation: “The Lost Environmentalists: The Struggle Between
 Conservative Protestants and the Environmental Movement, 1970-2010.”
- 2010 M.A., History, North Dakota State University, Fargo, North Dakota.
 Thesis: “The Lost Environmentalists: The Struggle Between Conservative
 Christianity and the Environment in the 1970s.
- 2006 Cert., (Ed.) Education, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, Massachusetts.
- 2003 B.A. (with Honors) History, University of St. Andrews, United Kingdom.
 Thesis: “The New Middle Ground: Diplomacy and Opportunity in the
 Reservation Era, 1850-1900.” Topic: Comanche Chief Quanah Parker and
 the Great Plains Reservation Era.

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

- 2023 - Assistant Professor, Department of History, The University of Alaska, Fairbanks,
 Fairbanks, Alaska.

- 2018 - 2023 Assistant Professor of Instruction, School of Interdisciplinary Studies, The University of Texas at Dallas, Richardson, Texas.
- 2017-18 Lecturer, School of Interdisciplinary Studies, The University of Texas at Dallas, Richardson, Texas.
- 2017 Adjunct Professor of History, Babson College, Babson Park, Massachusetts.
- 2016 Adjunct Professor of History, Berkshire Community College, Pittsfield, Massachusetts.
- 2014-2016 Graduate Student Lecturer of History, Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas.
- 2010-2014 Teaching Assistant/Discussion Leader, Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas.
- 2008-2010 Teaching Assistant. North Dakota State University, Fargo, North Dakota.
- 2006-2008 Secondary School History Teacher. Nova Southeastern University, University School, Davie, Florida.

Qualified Teaching Areas:

Modern U.S. history; environmental history/studies, perspectives of history, religion and ecology/nature; early American history; religious right; religion and politics; American popular culture in 1945; early and modern world history; historical research methods, courses in interdisciplinary studies, technical writing and intellectual inquiry.

PUBLICATIONS

Monograph

- 2022 *The Nature of the Religious Right: The Struggle Between Conservative Evangelicals and the Environmental Movement.* Ithaca, New York: Cornell University Press, April, 2022.

Weblink: <https://www.cornellpress.cornell.edu/book/9781501762000/the-nature-of-the-religious-right/#bookTabs=1>

Praise: "Stellar. Pogue draws on an impressive range of archival and secondary sources to advance a highly nuanced and provocative argument about the transformation of evangelical/fundamentalist beliefs about environment and earth care between the early 1970s and present day."

-Darren Dochuk, University of Notre Dame, author of *Anointed with Oil*

"The account is well written, carefully argued, and based on meticulous historical scholarship."

-Susannah Crockford, University of Exeter, featured in the *Journal of Religion*

2024 Audiobook rights for *The Nature of the Religious Right* licensed to Redwood Audiobooks by Cornell University.

Book Chapters

2026 "Environment" in *The Routledge History of Evangelical Christianity in America* edited by Darren Dochuk and Ian Van Dyke. Routledge, 2026.

2026 "Christian Evangelicals and the Lillies of the Field: How a Sense of Nationalism Impacted the Religious Right's Views of Nature" in *Handbook of Religion and the Environment* edited by Susan Bratton, Stephanie Clintonia Boddie, Ibrahim Özdemir. Edward Elgar, 2026.

Refereed Journals

2024 "Winning Against God's Earth: The Religious Right's Use of a Competition Framework to Justify Anti-Environmentalism." *The Journal of American Culture* 47:1 (March 2024): 49-55.

2022 "Making America Great Again in Christian Schools: Using Historical Narratives of Chaos and Order to Make 'Real Americans.'" *Journal of Educational Media, Memory, and Society* 14:1 (Autumn 2022):114-132.

2016 "The Religious Right's Compassionate Steward and Conservationist: The Lost Environmental Philosophies of Pat Robertson, 1977-1989." *Environmental Ethics* 38:4 (Winter 2016): 483 – 497.

Reviews

- 2025 *An Environmental History: Tales of Tragedy and Hope from the Heartland* by Loring Bullard, Springfield, MO: Ozarks Studies Institute, 2025. Featured in *Missouri Historical Review* 120:1 (October 2025): 79-80.
- 2023 “Barry Lyons and Linda Nieman, *Virginia’s Calling*” film review of Virginia’s Calling directed by Barry Lyons and Linda Nieman. Featured in *Journal for the Study of Religion, Nature and Culture*, June, 1-3.
<https://doi.org/10.1558/jsrnc.21941>
- 2017 *Devoted to Nature: The Religious Roots of American Environmentalism* by Evan Berry, University of California Press, 2015. Featured in *Church History* 86:1 (March 2017): 258-260.

Contributor

- 2016 *Encyclopedia of Christianity in the United States*, s.v. “Ministries with the Blind,” “Holt International Children’s Service” and “International Lutheran Layman’s League.” Lanham, MD : Rowman & Littlefield Publishing Group, 2016.

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

- 2025 “Air Pollution in Fairbanks.” Alaska Historical Society, Fairbanks, Alaska, September 24 - 27
- 2024 “Using Gender Narratives to Stop Earth Worshippers: How the Religious Right Employed the ‘Hysterical Female’ to Oppose the Environmental Movement.” American Society of Church History, San Francisco, California, January 4-7.
- 2022 “From Nature Stewardship to Anti-Environmentalism: How Two Evangelical Organizations Supported and then Rejected Environmental Protection, 1990-1994.” American Society for Environmental History Conference, Eugene, Oregon, March 23-27.
- 2021 “From Nature Stewardship to Anti-Environmentalism: How Two Evangelical Organizations Supported and then Rejected Environmental Protection, 1990-1994.” International Society for the Study of Religion, Nature, and Culture, online, February 18-28.
- 2021 “Surviving the Anti-Environmental Onslaught of the Religious Right: How a Small Group of Theological Conservative Evangelicals Survived and Spread the Message of Combatting Anthropogenic Climate Change, 1993-

- 2000.” American Historical Association Conference, Seattle, Washington, January 7-10.
- 2020 “From Nature Stewardship to Anti-Environmentalism: How Two Evangelical Organizations Supported and then Rejected Environmental Protection, 1990-1994.” American Society for Environmental History Conference, Ottawa, Canada, March 25 – 29.
- 2016 “The Bully Pulpit: Public Humiliation and the Shaping of Anti-Environmentalism in the Religious Right, 1990-Present.” American Society for Environmental History Conference, Seattle, Washington, March 30 – April 3.
- 2013 “The Two Faces of Nature: Conflicting Conservative Protestant Views, 1970-1984.” American Historical Association Conference, New Orleans, Louisiana, January 2 – 5.
- 2012 “Christianity’s Right Kind of Nature, 1970-1988.” American Society for Environmental History Conference, Madison, Wisconsin, March 28 - 31.
- 2011 “The Lost Environmentalists: The Struggle Between Conservative Protestants and the Environment in the 1970s.” American Society for Environmental History Conference, Phoenix, Arizona, April 13 – 17.
- 2010 “The Lost Environmentalists.” Phi Alpha Theta Biennial Conference, San Diego, California.
- 2009 “The New Middle Ground: Diplomacy and Opportunity in the Reservation Era 1850-1900.” Northern Great Plains History Conference, St. Cloud, Minnesota.
- 2009 “The Significance of the Lewis and Clark Expedition.” Phi Alpha Theta Conference, University of South Dakota, Vermillion, South Dakota.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS AND OUTREACH

- 2025 Book presentation. November 13. 2:30-5:00 PM. BP Design Theater, University of Alaska, Fairbanks.
- 2025 Featured in “Earth Day: Trump’s EPA promotes evangelical myth that environmentalism is a false religion by Steve Rabey, Baptist News Global, April 22, 2025.

<https://baptistnews.com/article/earth-day-trumps-epa-promotes-evangelical-myth-that-environmentalism-is-a-false-religion/>

- 2024 Interviewed by *Premier Christianity*'s Breakfast Radio show
- 2024 "The Evolving Nature of the Religious Right" *Politics and Rights Review* (August 7, 2024)
<https://politicsrights.com/evolving-nature-views-religious-right/>
- 2024 "How the Religious Right Became Climate Sceptics" *Premier Christianity* (UK)
<https://www.premierchristianity.com/opinion/how-the-religious-right-became-climate-sceptics/17599.article>
- 2024 Featured in "How Evangelicals Promoted, then Abandoned Environmental Stewardship by Steve Rabey of *Baptist News Global*
https://baptistnews.com/article/how-evangelicals-promoted-then-abandoned-environmental-stewardship/?fbclid=IwZXh0bgNhZW0CMTEAAR2H4Xc2pIuRhRKvCDr0601OyxDDc1-MCpFsRb-MPH1RdcbLbi6V7USdPfo_aem_Ac1-T_8LljGjbBrxkZur89IpFdudTTAHQ4Tf_0fg432iTuAxsCvnhn5O26wy4LIFDBBDDUEIAAU-nPugM3u-ADjr
- 2023 Interviewed for podcast *The Way of Improvement Leads Home: American History, Religion, Politics, and Academic Life* hosted by Dr. John Fea.
<https://currentpub.com/2023/10/03/episode-118-evangelicals-and-the-environment/>
- 2023 Interviewed by Brian Calvert, Associate Editor, *Earth Island Journal*.
- 2023 "How Evangelicals Moved from Supporting Environmental Stewardship to Climate Skepticism" *The Conversation* (January 30, 2023)
<https://theconversation.com/how-evangelicals-moved-from-supporting-environmental-stewardship-to-climate-skepticism-196727>
- 2023 "The Nature of the Religious Right: An Interview with Neall Pogue," interview by William Trollinger, *Righting America*, a forum for scholarly conversation about Christianity, culture, and politics in the U.S. (Jan 16, 2023).
<https://rightingamerica.net/the-nature-of-the-religious-right-an-interview-with-neall-pogue/>
- 2023 "Random Samples with Neall W. Pogue," interview by Glenn Branch, *Reports of the National Center for Science Education*.43:1 (Winter 2023): 10.
https://ncse.ngo/sites/default/files/pdfs/REPORTS43_1links.pdf
- 2022 "Neall W. Pogue's The Nature of the Religious Right." *The Page 99 Test* (May 3,

2022).

<http://page99test.blogspot.com/2022/05/neall-w-pogues-nature-of-religious-right.html>

- 2022 “New Film Explores Birth of Evangelical Climate Activist: Interview with Barry Lyons.” Invited by the International Society for the Study of Religion, Nature, and Culture.
<https://www.issrnc.org/2022/04/29/new-film-evangelical-climate-activist-interview-barry-lyons/>
- 2022 Interviewed by Winston Choi-Schagrin, Climate Desk, *The New York Times*.
- 2022 “Teaching Environmental Issues in Christian School Education,” Righting America, a forum for scholarly conversation about Christianity, culture, and politics in the U.S.
<https://rightingamerica.net/teaching-environmental-issues-in-christian-school-education/>
- 2021- Cornell University Press Guest Lecturer in: Culture & Cultural Studies, History, Religion & Religious Studies, Science & Nature, U.S. History.
- 2008 “U.S. Navy Code Interceptor from Southwest Missouri On the Ground Floor of the Pacific Theater During World War II,” McDonald County Press, Pineville, MO.
- 2005 “Further Insight on the Slave Trade; The Ceramics of the Henrietta Marie,” *The Navigator*, The Mel Fisher Maritime Museum, Key West, FL.
- 2005 “20 Years Later; the 20th Anniversary of the Main Pile,” *The Navigator*, The Mel Fisher Maritime Museum, Key West, FL.

AWARDS and HONORS:

- 2016 The Murray and Celeste Fasken Distinguished Graduate Student Teaching Award. Texas A&M.

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS:

2016	National Science Foundation travel grant. ASEH conference.
2014	Lynn E. May, Jr., Study Grant. Southern Baptist Historical Library and Archives.
2014	Vision 2020 Dissertation Enhancement Award. Texas A&M.
2014	Travel Fellowship Grant. Texas A&M.
2013	Research and Presentation Travel Grant. Texas A&M.
2012	National Science Foundation travel grant. ASEH conference.
2011	Travel Fellowship Grant. Texas A&M.
2011	Melbern G. Glasscock Travel-to-Conference Fellowship. Texas A&M.
2010	Travel Fellowship Grant. Texas A&M.
2010	Regent Fellowship. Texas A&M.

TEACHING

Courses Taught

2017-	Environment in America (1 section a year)
2023-	Early American History (1 section)
2024-	Modern American History (1 section)
2024-	Perspectives on History (1 section)
2024-	The History of Popular Culture since 1945 (1 section)
2017-23	The Nature of Intellectual Inquiry (2 sections a semester)
2018-23	Religion and Politics (1 section a year)
2018-23	American Popular Culture (2 sections a year)
2017	Environmental Studies (2 sections a semester)
2016	Pre-Modern World History (1 section a semester)
2014-15	Early American History (1 section a semester)

Class sizes: 8-300

Teacher evaluation: 4.75/5.00 (5 = highest excellence)

SERVICE ACTIVITIES

Service Participation

2025	Fulbright National Screening Committee member
2021	Article reviewer: <i>Church History</i> , Cambridge University Press
2017	Reviewer for student article: <i>The Exley</i> , The University of Texas at Dallas
2017	Article reviewer: <i>Environmental History</i> , Oxford University Press

Department Service

- 2024- Elected for GERC Faculty Senate Seat
2024- Judge for Alaska History Day
2023- Undergraduate Research & Scholarly Activity Board Member
2023- History Department Curriculum Advisory Committee
2022-23 Committee on Committees member
2021-23 Committee on Educational Technology, faculty advisory committee member
2020-23 Selection committee for the Eichorst Scholarship
2020-23 Selection committee for the Seekri Scholarship
2020-23 Selection committee for the Petrick Scholarship
2020-23 Selection committee for Van Amburgh Scholarship
2020-23 Selection committee for the Galerstein Scholarship
2020-23 Auxiliary Serves Advisory Committee
2018-23 Religious Diversity Group faculty co-sponsor
2018-23 New Student Engagement Board (NSEB), faculty advisory committee member
2009-10 Graduate Student Representative (elected), North Dakota State University
2009-10 President of Phi Alpha Theta (elected), North Dakota State University
2008 Vice President of Phi Alpha Theta, North Dakota State University
2009 Oral History Videographer. The Germans From Russia Heritage Collection, ND.
Link: <http://www.digitalhorizonsonline.org/digital>
2005 Archival Internship. Mel Fisher Heritage Maritime Museum. Key West, FL.
2004-05 Archival Internship. The Pocumtuck Valley Memorial Association Library.
Historic Deerfield, MA.
2002 Archival Internship. Historic Northampton. Northampton, MA. 2002.

Professional Memberships and Service

American Society of Church History
American Historical Association
Association Society for Environmental History
International Society for the Study of Religion, Nature and Culture

Reviews of *The Nature of the Religious Right*

Refereed Journals

Crockford, Susana. Review of *The Nature of the Religious Right: The Struggle Between Conservative Evangelicals and the Environmental Movement* by Neall Pogue, *Journal of Religion* 103, no. 4 (2023): 193-594.

Meagher, R.J. Review of *The Nature of the Religious Right: The Struggle Between Conservative Evangelicals and the Environmental Movement* by Neall Pogue, *Choice Reviews* 60, no. 11 (July 2023).

Miller, Eric C. Review of *The Nature of the Religious Right: The Struggle Between Conservative Evangelicals and the Environmental Movement/The Gospel of Climate Skepticism: Why Evangelical Christians Oppose Action on Climate Change/The Republican Reversal: Conservatives and the Environment from Nixon to Trump*, *Journal of Communication & Religion*. 45, no. 2 (Summer 2022) 134-143.

Strasburg, James D. Review of *The Nature of the Religious Right: The Struggle Between Conservative Evangelicals and the Environmental Movement* by Neall W. Pogue, *The Pacific Historical Review* 92, no. 1 (Winter 2023): 131-132.

General Publications:

Shaffer, Robert. Why did conservative evangelicals turn against the Environment?, *The Christian Century*, (March 6, 2023).
<https://www.christiancentury.org/review/books/why-did-conservative-evangelicals-turn-against-environment>

Branch, Glenn. Review of *The Nature of the Religious Right: The Struggle Between Conservative Evangelicals and the Environmental Movement*, by Neall Pogue, *Reports of the National Center for Science Education*, 43, no. 1 (Winter 2023): 15.
https://ncse.ngo/sites/default/files/pdfs/REPORTS43_1links.pdf

David F. Garner, David F. Review of *The Nature of the Religious Right: The Struggle Between Conservative Evangelicals and the Environmental Movement*, by Neall Pogue, *Spectrum* (October 2, 2022).
<https://spectrummagazine.org/arts-essays/2022/book-review-nature-religious-right>