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II. Education and Employment.

Education:

MS, Journalism: Literary Nonfiction, University of Oregon June 2010

- Lead professor: [Lauren Kessler](#);
- Terminal project: *America's Most Hated Hero: How Herbert Hoover Saved an Entire Nation from Starving During the First World War.*

BA, English (honors), University of Oregon June 1991

Employment:

Instructor, Oregon State University, New Media Communications 2010–Present

- One-year renewing teaching appointment at 4 classes per term (no research component).

Graduate fellow, University of Oregon School of Journalism and Communication . . 2008–2010

Newspaper journalist, Lee Enterprises and Black Press. 2000–2009

- Reporter, copy editor, columnist, Corvallis Gazette-Times and Albany Democrat-Herald (2002–2004, 2006–2009);
- Editor-in-chief, *The Springfield News* (2004–2006);
- Editor-in-chief, *Cottage Grove Sentinel* (2000–2002);
- Editor, *The (San Juan) Islands' Sounder* (2006).

Correspondent, *The New York Post* 2003–2004

Editor and publisher (owner), *Travelin' Magazine* (Eugene, Ore.) 1998–2000

- Associate Publisher, *The Real Estate Book of Eugene/Springfield* 1995–1998**
- Newspaper journalist, Gannett Co. 1991–1994**
- Reporter for *Silverton Appeal-Tribune, Mt. Angel News, Stayton Mail, and Salem Statesman Journal*

III. Teaching and Advising.

Curriculum Development:

NMC 303 Visual Media Writing:

- Developed as new Writing Intensive Curriculum class for fall 2017 (in process).

NMC 499 Special Topics: Trans-Media Publishing in Genre Fiction, Part I:

- Studio production class developed for winter 2017.

NMC 499 Special Topics: Trans-Media Publishing in Genre Fiction, Part II:

- Studio production class developed for winter 2017.

NMC 100 New Media and Culture (with Dr. Joshua Reeves):

- Large-lecture baccalaureate-core class developed for winter 2017.

NMC 499 Creating a Fictional World:

- Four-week intensive summer course developed in spring 2014.

NMC 498 Capstone: Building a Trans-Media Franchise:

- Four-week intensive summer course developed in spring 2014.

NMC 399 Media Spin Detecting:

- Developed as a new class in spring 2013.

NMC 321 History of Broadcasting:

- Developed as a new class in spring 2012.

NMC 101 Intro to New Media:

- Revamped at department head’s request in winter 2011.

NMC 301 Writing for the Media Professional:

- Took over existing syllabus in Fall 2010; revamped to better match departmental goals in winter 2012 following discussions with other faculty.

Advising and student collaboration:

OSU Novelists Club:

- Helped a group of students form this group in spring 2015. Currently serve as faculty adviser to the group.

Kristopher Jerome:

- Worked with Kris in a two-term independent study to help him develop and launch a trans-media franchise centered around his 110,000-word novel *Wrath of the Fallen*, winter and spring 2015.

Nathan McLoughlain:

- Collaborated with Dr. Shawna Kelly in two-term independent study with Nathan as he developed a journal article, subsequently published in [Well Played, winter and spring 2014](#).

Joanne Davaz:

- Served as Honors College thesis adviser for Jodie's senior thesis project, spring 2015.

Gabriel Bennett:

- Worked with Gabe in one term of independent study helping him develop a nonfiction book project, winter 2013.

Teaching:**Credit courses, Oregon State University:****Winter 2017:**

- NMC 100 Intro to New Media: 100 students;
- NMC 301 Writing for the Media Professional: 20 students;
- NMC 399 Media Spin Detecting: 30 students
- NMC 499 Special Topics: Trans-Media Publishing in Genre Fiction: 20 students.

Fall 2016:

- NMC 301 Writing for the Media Professional: 19 students;
- NMC 301 Writing for the Media Professional: 19 students;
- NMC 321 History of Broadcasting: 40 students;
- NMC 399 Special Topics: Media Spin Detecting: 28 students.

Summer 2016:

- NMC 301 Writing for the Media Professional: 17 students;
- NMC 498 Capstone: Franchise Building: 16 students;
- NMC 499 Special Topics: Creating a Fictional World: 12 students.

Spring 2016:

- NMC 301 Writing for the Media Professional: 20 students;
- NMC 301 Writing for the Media Professional: 21 students;
- NMC 321 History of Broadcasting: 35 students;
- NMC 399 Special Topics: Media Spin Detecting: 30 students.

Winter 2016:

- NMC 101 Intro to New Media: 52 students;
- NMC 301 Writing for the Media Professional: 19 students;
- NMC 321 History of Broadcasting: 38 students;
- NMC 399 Special Topics: Media Spin Detecting: 25 students.

Fall 2015:

- NMC 301 Writing for the Media Professional: 16 students;
- NMC 301 Writing for the Media Professional: 19 students;
- NMC 320 History of Telecommunications: 41 students;
- NMC 399 Media Spin Detecting: 27 students.

Summer 2015:

- NMC 301 Writing for the Media Professional: 11 students;
- NMC 498 Capstone: Franchise Building: 25 students;
- NMC 499 Creating a Fictional World: 10 students.

Spring 2015:

- NMC 101 Intro to New Media: 37 students;
- NMC 301 Writing for the Media Professional: 20 students;
- NMC 301 Writing for the Media Professional: 18 students;
- NMC 321 History of Broadcasting: 35 students;
- NMC 399 Media Spin Detecting: 15 students.

Winter 2015:

- NMC 101 Intro to New Media: 50 students;
- NMC 301 Writing for the Media Professional: 20 students
- NMC 321 History of Broadcasting: 40 students;
- NMC 399 Media Spin Detecting: 23 students.

Fall 2014:

- NMC 301 Writing for the Media Professional: 20 students;
- NMC 301 Writing for the Media Professional: 18 students;
- NMC 320 History of Telecommunications: 40 students.

Summer 2014:

- NMC 301 Writing for the Media Professional: 6 students;
- NMC 498 Capstone: Franchise Building: 18 students;
- NMC 499 Creating a Fictional World: 10 students.

Spring 2014:

- NMC 301 Writing for the Media Professional: 20 students;
- NMC 301 Writing for the Media Professional: 18 students;
- NMC 321 History of Broadcasting: 25 students;
- NMC 399 Media Spin Detecting: 36 students.

Winter 2014:

- NMC 101 Intro to New Media: 50 students;
- NMC 301 Writing for the Media Professional: 21 students;
- NMC 321 History of Broadcasting: 41 students;
- NMC 399 Media Spin Detecting: 27 students.

Fall 2013:

- NMC 301 Writing for the Media Professional: 21 students;
- NMC 301 Writing for the Media Professional: 21 students;
- NMC 320 History of Telecommunications: 69 students;
- NMC 399 Media Spin Detecting: 8 students.

Summer 2013:

- NMC 301 Writing for the Media Professional: 6 students;
- NMC 399 Media Spin Detecting: 11 students.

Spring 2013:

- NMC 101 Intro to New Media: 40 students;
- NMC 101 Intro to New Media: 40 students;
- NMC 301 Writing for the Media Professional: 22 students;
- NMC 321 History of Broadcasting: 54 students.

Winter 2013:

- NMC 101 Intro to New Media: 51 students;
- NMC 101 Intro to New Media: 49 students;
- NMC 101 Intro to New Media: 51 students;
- NMC 301 Writing for the Media Professional: 22 students;
- NMC 321 History of Broadcasting: 36 students.

Fall 2012:

- NMC 101 Intro to New Media: 49 students;
- NMC 101 Intro to New Media: 51 students;
- NMC 301 Writing for the Media Professional: 21 students;
- NMC 320 History of Telecommunications: 71 students.

Summer 2012:

- NMC 101 Intro to New Media: 21 students.

Spring 2012:

- NMC 101 Intro to New Media: 49 students;
- NMC 101 Intro to New Media: 47 students;
- NMC 301 Writing for the Media Professional: 21 students;
- NMC 320 History of Telecommunications: 66 students.

Winter 2012:

- NMC 101 Intro to New Media: 44 students;
- NMC 301 Writing for the Media Professional: 22 students.

Fall 2011:

- NMC 101 Intro to New Media: 67 students;
- NMC 301 Writing for the Media Professional: 19 students;
- NMC 320 History of Telecommunications: 75 students.

Spring 2011:

- NMC 101 Intro to New Media: 79 students;
- NMC 301 Writing for the Media Professional: 26 students;
- NMC 320 History of Telecommunications: 71 students.

Winter 2011:

- NMC 101 Intro to New Media: 59 students;
- NMC 301 Writing for the Media Professional: 26 students.

Fall 2010:

- NMC 301 Writing for the Media Professional: 26 students.

Credit courses, University of Oregon (graduate fellowship):

Spring 2010:

- J 461/561 Copy Editing (with Gerald Sass): 18 students.

Winter 2010:

- J 461/561 Copy Editing (with [John Russial](#)): 20 students.

Fall 2009:

- J 203 Writing for the Media (with [John Russial](#)): 35 students.

Spring 2009:

- J 202 Information Gathering (with Tracy Miller): 40 students.

Winter 2009:

- J 202 Information Gathering (with Tracy Miller): 31 students.

Fall 2008:

- J 202 Information Gathering (with [Mark Blaine](#)): 29 students.

Student evaluations:

Average student evaluations (out of 6 possible):

- 2016: 5.02
- 2015: 4.94
- 2014: 5.06
- 2013: 4.76
- 2012: 4.94
- 2011: 4.70

IV. Scholarship and Creative Activity.

Research interests:

- Trans-media franchise creation and management as a venue for creative expression;
- Sociological and literary analysis of vintage pulp fiction and its genre-fiction equivalents
- Book and audiobook publishing and production;
- Oregon history.

Publications, academic (peer-reviewed):

Articles:

- McLachlain, N.S., Kelly, S.K., and John, F.J.D. "An unlikely partnership: Problem-solving with Lara Croft," [Proceedings of the Games+Learning+Society 11th annual conference](#). Pittsburg, PA: Carnegie Mellon University ETC Press, 2015.

- McLachlain, N.S., Kelly, S.K., and John, F.J.D. "Actions speak louder than hypersexualized pixels: A partnership with Lara Croft," [Well Played Journal: A journal on video games, value and meaning, v.5 n.3](#). Pittsburg, PA: ETC Press, 2015.

Conference presentations:

- McLachlain, N.S., Kelly, S.K., and John, F.J.D. "An unlikely partnership: Problem-solving with Lara Croft." Poster session presented at Games+Learning+Society 11th Annual Conference, Madison, WI, July 7-10, 2015.

Publications, trade press:

Books:

- Howard, Robert E., and John, Finn J.D. *Robert E. Howard's Conan the Barbarian: The Complete Omnibus Collection (annotated)*. Pulp-Lit Productions, 2017. Hardcover, paperback, e-book, audiobook.
- Blackwood, Algernon. *The Listener and Other Stories*. Edited by Finn J.D. John. 1922. Pulp-Lit Productions, 2016. [Hardcover, paperback, e-book, audiobook](#).
- Davitt, J.J. [Finn J.D. John]. *Trouble Deep*. Pirtle Springs Press, 2016. Hardcover, paperback, e-book, audiobook.
- Smith, E.E. *The Skylark of Space: The Original 1928 Edition*. Edited by Finn J.D. John. Pulp-Lit Productions, 2017. [Hardcover, paperback, e-book, audiobook](#).
- Lovecraft, H.P. *Supernatural Horror in Literature*. Edited by Finn J.D. John. 1925. Pulp-Lit Productions, 2016. [Hardcover, paperback, e-book, audiobook](#).
- Lovecraft, H.P., and John, Finn J.D. *Fungi from Yuggoth: The Sonnet Cycle, Contextualized with a Selection of Other Lovecraft Poems*. Pulp-Lit Productions, 2016. [Hardcover, paperback, e-book, audiobook](#).
- Lovecraft, H.P., and John, Finn J.D. *H.P. Lovecraft: The Complete Omnibus Collection (annotated)* (2-volume set). Pulp-Lit Productions, 2016. [Hardcover, paperback, e-book, audiobook](#).
- Burroughs, Edgar Rice. *The Lost Continent (original title: Beyond Thirty)*. Edited by Finn J.D. John. 1915. Pulp-Lit Productions, 2015. [Paperback, e-book, audiobook](#).
- Burroughs, Edgar Rice, and John, Finn J.D. *The Tarzan Duology of Edgar Rice Burroughs (annotated)*. Pulp-Lit Productions, 2015. [Paperback, e-book, audiobook](#).
- Howard, Robert E., and John, Finn J.D. *The Hour of the Dragon: Annotated Storytellers' Edition*. Pulp-Lit Productions, 2015. [Paperback, e-book, audiobook](#).
- Burroughs, Edgar Rice, and John, Finn J.D. *The John Carter Trilogy of Edgar Rice Burroughs (annotated)*. Pulp-Lit Productions, 2014. [Hardcover, paperback, e-book, audiobook](#).
- John, Finn J.D. *Wicked Portland: The Wild and Lusty Underworld of a Frontier Seaport Town*. Charleston, S.C.: The History Press, 2012. [Paperback, e-book, audiobook](#), dedicated [website](#) (accessed through QR codes).

Articles:

- "Lynching of Innocent Man Kicked Off Vigilante Rule in Crook County." *Prineville Territory* magazine, Spring 2013.
- "Faking it: The Author as Poseur." *Etude Magazine* (now defunct), Winter 2010 ([link to reprint](#)).

- "Taking Flight: The Heroic Final Flight of Cottage Grove's Jim Wright." *Etude Magazine* (now defunct), Spring 2009 ([link to reprint](#)).

Articles, *Offbeat Oregon History*:

(A weekly syndicated column published in *McMinnville News-Register*, *Creswell Chronicle*, *McKenzie River Reflections*, *Cottage Grove Sentinel*, *Tri-County Review*, *Springfield Times*, *Redmond Spokesman*, *Drain Enterprise*, *Madras Pioneer*, *Dead Mountain Echo*, *Douglas County Mail*, *Daily Astorian*, *Clatskanie Chief*, *Curry Pilot*, *Columbia Press*, *Lincoln County Dispatch*, *Pendleton Record*, *Medford Mail-Tribune*, *Oregon Senior News* and *Willamette Living Magazine*.)

Column titles and publication dates:

- ♦ "Oregon's Initiative and Referendum system: The real story," Dec. 25, 2016;
- ♦ "Oregon built Liberty Ships faster than the Nazis built torpedoes," Dec. 18, 2016;
- ♦ "The Oregon Electric railroad line: Ghosts of the Progressive Era," Dec. 11, 2016;
- ♦ "Oregon beach beeswax is from a 400-year-old sunken treasure ship," Dec. 4, 2016;
- ♦ "Buffalo Bill Cody's body-double was an Oregon podiatrist," Nov. 27, 2016;
- ♦ "Once Oregon's soggiest town, Valsetz is now a memory," Nov. 20, 2016;
- ♦ "'Atlantic City of the West' was swallowed up by the sea," Nov. 13, 2016;
- ♦ "In gold-rush-era Jacksonville, the bank 'robbed' you," Nov. 6, 2016;
- ♦ "'Father of Oregon Geology' once left graffiti deep in Oregon Caves," Oct. 30, 2016;
- ♦ "Bootlegger's liquor buy ended up soaking borrowed car with blood," Oct. 23, 2016;
- ♦ "How Andy Warhol 'punk'd' two Oregon colleges, and how he was caught," Oct. 16, 2016;
- ♦ "Gold Rush stagecoach driver One-Eyed Charley had an astonishing secret," Oct. 9, 2016;
- ♦ "Oregon has been home to someone since before 12,000 B.C.," Oct. 2, 2016;
- ♦ "1880s feud ended with double murder by masked assassins," Sept. 25, 2016;
- ♦ "Former Albany newsman saved Crater Lake for a national park," Sept. 18, 2016;
- ♦ "Fish wheel pilings a reminder of when Columbia swarmed with salmon," Sept. 11, 2016;
- ♦ "Did Oregon's political supervillain save the world from Nazi nukes?" Sept. 4, 2016;
- ♦ "'Graveyard of the Pacific' was not easily tamed," Aug. 28, 2016;
- ♦ "Japan's balloon bombs could have done a lot more damage," Aug. 21, 2016;
- ♦ "Highway engineer could have had Florence singing, 'It's Raining Meat,'" Aug. 14, 2016;
- ♦ "'Christmas ship' could have used some navigation help from Santa," Aug. 7, 2016;
- ♦ "Truck bombing doomed the cause of newspapers' striking unions," July 31, 2016;
- ♦ "One man's cheating heart likely cost Portland its local newspaper," July 24, 2016;
- ♦ "Supreme Court once declared slavery legal for sailors," July 17, 2016;
- ♦ "Who had motive to frame an innocent man? Everyone did," July 10, 2016;
- ♦ "In trial, prime suspect became star witness against likely innocent man," July 3, 2016;
- ♦ "Did brutal wartime murder end in cynical 'railroad job'?" June 26, 2016;
- ♦ "The ship that suddenly broke in half while moored at the dock," June 19, 2016;
- ♦ "For captain and crew, catastrophic shipwreck was luckiest break of their lives," June 12, 2016;

Articles, Offbeat Oregon History (continued):

- ♦ ["‘Heaven’s Gate’ UFO cult lured away 20 Oregonians, caused statewide panic,"](#) June 5, 2016;
- ♦ ["Albany’s ‘Queen of Fakirs’ belongs in swindlers’ hall of fame,"](#) May 29, 2016;
- ♦ ["Southern Oregon populist leader had plans for a guerilla uprising,"](#) May 22, 2016;
- ♦ ["The Jackson County Rebellion: Llewellyn Banks comes to power,"](#) May 15, 2016;
- ♦ ["‘Jackson County Rebellion’ grew out of newspapers’ fight,"](#) May 8, 2016;
- ♦ ["Edward F. Lee was Oregon’s first fake-viagra scammer,"](#) May 1, 2016;
- ♦ ["Frontier Oregon Swindlers: The traveling medicine shows,"](#) April 24, 2016;
- ♦ ["Oregon Trail medicine; or, How Not to Die of Dysentery,"](#) April 17, 2016;
- ♦ ["Oregon women served as nation’s first female governor, cop and voter,"](#) April 10, 2016;
- ♦ ["Abigail Scott Duniway isn’t the only great woman in Oregon’s history,"](#) April 3, 2016;
- ♦ ["Vaudeville Susie’s Riot; or, How Seriously Frontier Oregon Took its Entertainment,"](#) March 27, 2016;
- ♦ ["The Circuit Preacher Chronicles: The Reverend’s Roadhouse Revenge,"](#) March 20, 2016;
- ♦ ["The Circuit Preacher Chronicles: Shanghaiing up a flock for the Lord,"](#) March 13, 2016;
- ♦ ["The Circuit Preacher Chronicles: Rev. Wells’ Wild Ride,"](#) March 6, 2016;
- ♦ ["Oregon lad became a founding father of Russian communism,"](#) Feb. 28, 2016;
- ♦ ["Would inventor’s silver steam-powered airship have worked?"](#) Feb. 21, 2016;
- ♦ ["Benton County lad became ‘Nicola Tesla of Oregon,'"](#) Feb. 14, 2016;
- ♦ ["Doomed schooner’s crew was locked in race against fiery death,"](#) Feb. 7, 2016;
- ♦ ["Captain’s refusal to leave shipwreck angered his rescuers,"](#) Jan. 31, 2016;
- ♦ ["For Milwaukie gas station owner, buying bomber was wild adventure,"](#) Jan. 24, 2016;
- ♦ ["Bizarre scientific ‘bone wars’ touched Oregon, but barely,"](#) Jan. 17, 2016;
- ♦ ["Portland’s ‘Jitney Wars’ pitted entrepreneurs against monopoly,"](#) Jan. 10, 2016;
- ♦ ["Governor Charles Martin’s goons were dirty but incompetent fighters,"](#) Jan. 3, 2016;
- ♦ ["Governor Martin tried to run Oregon like an Army base,"](#) Dec. 27, 2015;
- ♦ ["Oregon’s own would-be Fascist dictator: Charles H. Martin,"](#) Dec. 20, 2015;
- ♦ ["Collection of ‘history hoarder’ now a priceless treasure,"](#) Dec. 13, 2015;
- ♦ ["Incompetence and a labor strike led to deadly shipwreck,"](#) Dec. 6, 2015;
- ♦ ["Charity Lamb, Oregon’s most misunderstood ax-murderess,"](#) Nov. 29, 2015;
- ♦ ["The all-night municipal gunfight in the town of Lone,"](#) Nov. 22, 2015;
- ♦ ["Monmouth’s 150-year tradition of Prohibition in Oregon,"](#) Nov. 15, 2015;
- ♦ ["Keeping lighthouse running was hard, and expensive,"](#) Nov. 8, 2015;
- ♦ ["To get help building lighthouse, bosses had to be sneaky,"](#) Nov. 1, 2015;
- ♦ ["Tillamook Lighthouse ghost greeted keeper on first night,"](#) Oct. 25, 2015;
- ♦ ["Daring rescue saved 49, made skipper toast of the coast,"](#) Oct. 18, 2015;
- ♦ ["A tale of two heroes of two different Civil Wars,"](#) Oct. 11, 2015;
- ♦ ["Murderer shocked when ‘Unwritten Law’ fails him,"](#) Oct. 4, 2015;
- ♦ ["‘Unwritten Law’ wasn’t always a disastrous moral failure,"](#) Sept. 27, 2015;
- ♦ ["Clean-cut ‘Unwritten Law’ case turned out to be sordid and complex,"](#) Sept. 20, 2015;
- ♦ ["Cop’s murder turned Portland against ‘Unwritten Law,'"](#) Sept. 13, 2015;
- ♦ ["Private manhunt ended with jury-approved murder,"](#) Sept. 6, 2015;
- ♦ ["Man hailed as hero for murdering sister’s ex-lover,"](#) Aug. 30, 2015;

Articles, Offbeat Oregon History (continued):

- ♦ ["The 'Unwritten Law': A license to kill \(but only for men\),"](#) Aug. 23, 2015;
- ♦ ["The ones that got away: Almost-shipwrecks on the bar,"](#) Aug. 16, 2015;
- ♦ ["Six picnickers were only victims of balloon bombs,"](#) Aug. 9, 2015;
- ♦ ["Shark shipwreck: Navy's loss was Cannon Beach's gain,"](#) Aug. 2, 2015;
- ♦ ["Schooner doomed by skipper's fear of sailors skipping,"](#) July 26, 2015;
- ♦ ["Oregon's 20th-century 'gold rush': The quest for uranium,"](#) July 19, 2015;
- ♦ ["Blundering robber turned out to be Joaquin Miller's son,"](#) July 12, 2015;
- ♦ ["Sudden tempest caught steamship at worst possible time,"](#) July 5, 2015;
- ♦ ["Rosecrans rescue was one of Coast Guard's finest hours,"](#) June 28, 2015;
- ♦ ["Cursed or not, S.S. Rosecrans was unusually unlucky,"](#) June 21, 2015;
- ♦ ["'Ship of Romance and Death' came to a dramatic end,"](#) June 14, 2015;
- ♦ ["The small-town police chief who was executed for murder,"](#) June 7, 2015;
- ♦ ["FBI's 'Most Wanted' gangster was busted in Beaverton,"](#) May 31, 2015;
- ♦ ["Oregon's highest, smallest city once had its jail stolen,"](#) May 24, 2015;
- ♦ ["Mount Angel Abbey owes grandeur to colorful Swiss monk,"](#) May 17, 2015;
- ♦ ["Storm-tossed ships shared double date with destiny,"](#) May 10, 2015;
- ♦ ["Oregon's Doolittle raiders made history in startling ways,"](#) May 3, 2015;
- ♦ ["The Oregonians who flew with the Doolittle Raid over Tokyo,"](#) April 26, 2015;
- ♦ ["Famous 'Doolittle Raid' had roots in Pendleton air base,"](#) April 19, 2015;
- ♦ ["French sailors miraculously saved from death on the bar,"](#) April 12, 2015;
- ♦ ["Pioneering historian earned recognition, but little money,"](#) April 4, 2015;
- ♦ ["Legendary 'authoress' started with poetry, dime novels,"](#) March 29, 2015;
- ♦ ["Civil War plotters hoped to get West Coast to secede,"](#) March 22, 2015;
- ♦ ["Coast Guard 'Sand Pounders' kept Oregon Coast secure,"](#) March 15, 2015;
- ♦ ["Gold dredge scheme failed — luckily for Tarzan fans,"](#) March 8, 2015;
- ♦ ["Shipwrecked sailors drifted from Oregon to Puget Sound,"](#) March 1, 2015;
- ♦ ["Lafe Pence's crazy plan: Move mountains down, fill up lake,"](#) Feb. 22, 2015;
- ♦ ["Bold bandits robbed express train three miles from Roseburg,"](#) Feb. 15, 2015;
- ♦ ["Cow Creek Canyon robbers weren't afraid to blow stuff up,"](#) Feb. 8, 2015;
- ♦ ["When the rebel flag flew over Oregon soil,"](#) Feb. 1, 2015;
- ♦ ["Oregon crooks have always enjoyed their dynamite,"](#) Jan. 25, 2015;
- ♦ ["How to rob trains with dynamite: Tips from the pros,"](#) Jan. 18, 2015;
- ♦ ["Dynamite used to be a regular part of Oregon life,"](#) Jan. 11, 2015;
- ♦ ["Express clerk's silence foiled train robbery,"](#) Jan. 4, 2015;
- ♦ ["Roseburg 'Champagne Riot' likely wasn't what you think,"](#) Dec. 28, 2014;
- ♦ ["Oregon senator almost became President; luckily, he didn't,"](#) Dec. 21, 2014;
- ♦ ["Simpson empire made Coos Bay shipbuilding Mecca,"](#) Dec. 14, 2014;
- ♦ ["Free-love 'Harmonial Brotherhood' colony was a disaster,"](#) Dec. 7, 2014;
- ♦ ["The father of Oregon's nursery industry's 'free-love' cult,"](#) Nov. 30, 2014;
- ♦ ["Shouldn't Oregon's official language be Chinook?,"](#) Nov. 23, 2014;
- ♦ ["Wreck of the steamer U.S. Grant: Baffling historical mystery,"](#) Nov. 16, 2014;
- ♦ ["Nutty 1890s governor left Oregon with two Thanksgivings,"](#) Nov. 9, 2014;

Articles, Offbeat Oregon History (continued):

- ♦ ["The short, tragic story of Portland's municipal whale,"](#) Nov. 2, 2014;
- ♦ ["Scholarly Albany flyer was true father of Oregon aviation,"](#) Oct. 26, 2014;
- ♦ ["Offer of bonus turned out badly for owner of wrecked ship,"](#) Oct. 19, 2014;
- ♦ ["Port Orford P.R. wizard managed 'secession' like a movie,"](#) Oct. 12, 2014;
- ♦ ["Famous 1941 Jefferson 'secession' largely a publicity stunt,"](#) Oct. 5, 2014;
- ♦ ["Oregon Indian prince was Japan's introduction to the West,"](#) Sept. 28, 2014;
- ♦ ["A secret Native American prince's quest to reach Japan,"](#) Sept. 21, 2014;
- ♦ ["Legendary 'Chief Bigfoot' as elusive as his hairy namesake,"](#) Sept. 14, 2014;
- ♦ ["Merrill brought bikes to women; prostitutes took them away,"](#) Sept. 7, 2014;
- ♦ ["Portland stunt made local aero-daredevil world famous,"](#) Aug. 31, 2014;
- ♦ ["Massive war game covered Central Oregon in 1943,"](#) Aug. 24, 2014;
- ♦ ["Massive steamer wrecked by future Costa Rica Navy admiral,"](#) Aug. 17, 2014;
- ♦ ["Thousands of Oregonians remember replanting Tillamook Burn,"](#) Aug. 10, 2014;
- ♦ ["Tillamook Burn 'blew up' with shocking speed,"](#) Aug. 3, 2014;
- ♦ ["Tillamook Burn sprang from logging crew's unwise gamble,"](#) July 27, 2014;
- ♦ ["Bunco Kelley: The Coyote of Portland's waterfront mythos,"](#) July 20, 2014;
- ♦ ["Oregon's most notorious shanghai artist: 'Bunco' Kelley,"](#) July 13, 2014;
- ♦ ["Rumors of sunken submarines: The government denies it, but ...,"](#) July 6, 2014;
- ♦ ["Atlantis in the Beaver State: Underwater lost cities of Oregon,"](#) June 29, 2014;
- ♦ ["Pioneer Chinese doctor was a municipal treasure in John Day,"](#) June 22, 2014;
- ♦ ["Did Vortex music festival prevent riots in downtown Portland?,"](#) June 15, 2014;
- ♦ ["Governor McCall expected 'Vortex I' to cost him the election,"](#) June 8, 2014;
- ♦ ["Riot at PSU set the stage for 'Governor's Pot Party,'"](#) June 1, 2014;
- ♦ ["Pirates were defeated in Yaquina Bay Oyster War,"](#) May 25, 2014;
- ♦ ["Portland's Pioneer Square could have been a 'crystal palace,'"](#) May 18, 2014;
- ♦ ["NASA's 'Moon Trees' have roots in an Oregon forest fire,"](#) May 11, 2014;
- ♦ ["The mysterious disappearance of a schooner's entire crew,"](#) May 4, 2014;
- ♦ ["Japanese shipwrecks on Oregon coast likely predate Columbus,"](#) April 27, 2014;
- ♦ ["Bad batch of 'dehorn' alcohol killed 28 hobos on Skid Road,"](#) April 20, 2014;
- ♦ ["Beavercreek Bomber: 'Give me \\$1 million or the lights go out,'"](#) April 13, 2014;
- ♦ ["Cayuse tribe's world-beating ponies are now very rare,"](#) April 6, 2014;
- ♦ ["Iconic movies filmed in Oregon: Part Three, 1975-1989,"](#) March 30, 2014;
- ♦ ["Iconic movies filmed in Oregon: Part Two, 1965-1975,"](#) March 23, 2014;
- ♦ ["Iconic movies filmed in Oregon: Part One, 1908-1952,"](#) March 16, 2014;
- ♦ ["Brutal 'Oregon Boot' made our state prison famous,"](#) March 9, 2014;
- ♦ ["After logger's murder, bordello madam mysteriously vanished,"](#) March 2, 2014;
- ♦ ["Hank Vaughan in middle age: The outlaw as elder statesman,"](#) Feb. 23, 2014;
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- twitter.com/offbeatoregon. 880 followers as of Jan. 1, 2017.

Media enterprises:

- **Pulp-Lit Productions (2014-present)**: Title: Principal Creative. A publishing house that produces annotated collections of the works of classic pulp writers like Edgar Rice Burroughs and H.P. Lovecraft in audiobook, e-book, paperback and hardcover editions, as well as reprints of hard-to-find pre-war pulp and popular fiction novels. The audiobook versions of these books are the primary focus, with exclusive distribution through Audible.com. Includes publishing imprints Bankshott Books and Offbeat Oregon Press.
- **Travelin' Magazine (1998-2000)**: Title: Editor and Publisher. Bi-monthly consumer magazine, distributed by subscription and on newsstands, about exploring the back roads and by-ways of the American West.
- **The Real Estate Book of Eugene/Springfield (1995-1999)**: Title: Associate Publisher. Monthly real-estate advertising publication distributed free in Lane County, Ore.

Presentations and public lectures:

- Public lecture, "Rattling the Skeletons in Oregon's Closet," at Columbia Gorge Discovery Center & Museum, April 22, 2016;
- Public lecture, at Oregon Museum of Natural and Cultural History's "Ideas On Tap" lecture series, "Bootlegger's Paradise: Prohibition Adventures in Oregon," April 6, 2016;
- Presentation, "The Mysterious Portland Shanghaing Scene, 1849-1928," at Corvallis Genealogical Society meeting, Feb. 13, 2016;
- Presentation, "Herbert Hoover's Tracks in Oregon," at the Modern Travelers Club in Albany, Dec. 14, 2015;
- Multimedia presentation, "The Almost-President from Oregon: Gov. Joseph Lane and the Plan to Outfox Lincoln," at the McMinnville City Club, Oct. 13, 2015;
- Presentation, "Building Your Own Personal Broadcasting Empire," at Intercollegiate Broadcasting System symposium at KBVR studios at Oregon State University, Oct. 10, 2015;
- Multimedia presentation, "Legends and mysteries of Crater Lake," at Albany Historical Museum, Oct. 22, 2014;
- Presentation, "Herbert Hoover and the Commission for Relief in Belgium," at McMinnville Kiwanis Club, Sept. 5, 2013;
- Convention keynote address, "Wicked Politics in 1800s Portland," at the Oregon Mensa Regional Gathering in Portland, May 11, 2013;
- Kickoff speech, "Writing for Radio," at Northwest College Radio Conference at KBVR studios at Oregon State University, April 13, 2013;
- Panel discussion, "Election Campaign Ads," at League of Women Voters event at Corvallis

- Public Library, Sept. 18, 2012 (with Prof. Bill Loges and OPB reporter Chris Lehman);
- Public lecture/multimedia history show, “Wicked Politics in 1800s Portland,” Willamette University, Sept. 7, 2012;
 - Public lecture, “Oregon History’s Secrets,” at OASIS Center in Eugene, Nov. 17, 2010;
 - Public lecture, “Offbeat Lane County History,” at Lane County Historical Museum, Eugene, March 4, 2010;
 - Panel discussion, “Community Journalism,” Society of Professional Journalists Writing Workshop, Eugene, Feb. 9, 2002 (with Rob Prieue of *Corvallis Gazette-Times* and Dan Spatz of *The Dalles Chronicle*)
 - Public lecture/multimedia history show series, “**Stumptown Stories**”: Monthly series presented in bars by the **Stumptown Storytellers**, a troupe of irreverent pop historians including public historian Joe Streckert, author Heather Arndt Anderson, author J.B. Fisher and podcaster Doug Kenck-Crispin. Topics:
 - ♦ “Swindler’s Paradise: Oregon in the Golden Age of Patent Medicine,” Sept. 13, 2016;
 - ♦ “The FBI’s Most Wanted: Oregon history’s baddest bad guys,” Aug. 9, 2016;
 - ♦ “Danford Balch: Father of the Year for 1858,” June 14, 2016;
 - ♦ “Opium smuggling in 1890s Portland,” Jan. 12, 2016;
 - ♦ “Portland’s Murderous Melodrama of Christmastime 1907,” Dec. 8, 2015;
 - ♦ “Lafe Pence, Mover of Mountains, and his Crazy Guild’s Lake Scheme,” Nov. 10, 2015;
 - ♦ “Happy Labor Day from Shaghaier’s Local 151, Portland; L. Sullivan, President,” Sept. 8, 2015;
 - ♦ “The Oregon Boot, and The Day the Joint Got Jacked,” July 14, 2015;
 - ♦ “The Lamest, Most Pathetic Attempt at a Jailbreak Ever Undertaken with the Help of Three Sticks of Dynamite,” June 9, 2015;
 - ♦ “The Holy Rollers (Bride of Christ Church): Sex, naked ladies, tar and feathers, murder, suicide, and madness — Oregon style,” April 13, 2015;
 - ♦ “Oregon’s worst politician EVER,” Feb. 9, 2015;
 - ♦ “Sylvester Pennoyer: Oregon’s Father of Thanksgiving,” Nov. 10, 2014;
 - ♦ “The KKK and Portland’s bridge scandal,” Sept. 8, 2014;
 - ♦ “Pioneer Courthouse Square: Three Portland Icons,” June 5, 2014;
 - ♦ “Portland’s Tawdriest Love Triangle,” May 8, 2014;
 - ♦ “Murder on the Oregon Express,” March 4, 2014;
 - ♦ “Opium Smuggling in Old Portland,” Feb. 4, 2014;
 - ♦ “Bootlegging the Oregon Way: The Volstead years,” Jan. 7, 2014;
 - ♦ “How we Almost Lost the Peter Iredale to a Crooked Scrap-Metal Man,” Jan. 21, 2014;
 - ♦ “Bootlegging the Oregon way: Adventure, romance, comedy and tragedy in Oregon’s second-oldest profession,” Dec. 2, 2013;
 - ♦ “Embezzler, Philanderer, Racketeer, Senator,” Nov. 4, 2013;
 - ♦ “The Man with the Hook Kills in Portland,” Oct. 31, 2013;
 - ♦ “Mysterious Skeletons of Oregon History,” Oct. 1, 2013;
 - ♦ “Weird Cults of Old Oregon,” Sept. 3, 2013;
 - ♦ “The Ku Klux Klan in 1920s Oregon,” Aug. 6, 2013;
 - ♦ “When Masked Outlaw Riders Ruled Central Oregon: The Rise and Fall of the Prineville

- Vigilantes," July 2, 2013;
- ♦ "Senator John H. Mitchell: Oregon's Own Snidely Whiplash," June 4, 2013;
 - ♦ "Smooth-Moving Bad Guys of Oregon History," May 7, 2013;
 - ♦ "Shipwrecks of Oregon II," Feb. 5, 2013;
 - ♦ "Shipwrecks of Oregon I," Nov. 6, 2012;
 - ♦ "Top 5 Most Delicious Political Swindles of Old Oregon," Sept. 11, 2012.

Media appearances:

- KPNW AM 1120 Radio's "Wake Up Call" show (Eugene, OR): Discussed the **Meadors Gang** and **Bill Miner** train robberies, Nov. 1, 2016;
- The Travel Channel, **Mysteries at the Museum**: Discussed "moon trees" in the OSU library for an upcoming Season 12 episode, Nov. 10, 2016;
- KPNW AM 1120 Radio's "Wake Up Call" show (Eugene, OR): Discussed **Baldwin v. Robertson**, the 1895 Supreme Court decision that legalized slavery for sailors, Nov. 1, 2016;
- KPNW AM 1120 Radio's "Wake Up Call" show (Eugene, OR): Discussed some of the most audacious swindlers of Oregon history, Oct. 10, 2016;
- KPNW AM 1120 Radio's "Wake Up Call" show (Eugene, OR): Discussed old circuit-riding preachers in frontier Oregon, Sept. 8, 2016;
- KPNW AM 1120 Radio's "Wake Up Call" show (Eugene, OR): Discussed Thomas B. Slate and his steam-powered airship (1928), Aug. 5, 2016;
- The Travel Channel, **Mysteries at the National Parks**: Discussed the mysterious deaths at Crater Lake National Park on location for an upcoming Season Two episode, May 20, 2016;
- KPNW AM 1120 Radio's "Wake Up Call" show (Eugene, OR): Discussed "The Unwritten Law" in 1890s Oregon, March 22, 2016;
- KPNW AM 1120 Radio's "Wake Up Call" show (Eugene, OR): Discussed the 1904 "Bride of Christ" cult, Sept. 16, 2015;
- The Travel Channel, *Mysteries at the Museum*: Discussed **Tusko the Elephant** and the **1914 botched train robbery of the Meadors Gang** for two Season 10 episodes, Sept. 2, 2015;
- KPNW AM 1120 Radio's "Wake Up Call" show (Eugene, OR): Discussed the use of dynamite in Mohawk Valley school district negotiations in 1895, Aug. 19, 2015;
- Oregon Public Broadcasting, *Oregon Experience*: Discussed train robberies of Oregon history for "**Murder on the Southern Pacific**" episode (Season 9), May 4, 2015;
- Kick Ass Oregon History Podcast: Discussed the shanghaiing of sailors in 1890s Portland with Doug Kenck-Crispin for "**Shanghaied in Portland!**" episode (Season 5), Aug. 15, 2012;
- *McMinnville News-Register*: "The Oregon you never knew," by Karl Klooster (profile story), July 7, 2012.

V. Service.

Service to Oregon State University:

- Currently serve as faculty adviser for OSU Novelists Club;
- Served as a marshal at Commencement in June of 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016;
- Reviewed book proposal for Oregon State University Press. Subject: "Oregon History Comics" proposal by Sarah Mirk, 2013;
- Served on hiring committee for Student Media Journalism Adviser position, May 2014.
- Coordinated the drafting and collaborative fine-tuning of New Media Communications writing standards for purposes of teaching evaluation;

Service to profession:

- Vice-president, Society of Professional Journalists Greater Oregon Chapter board of directors, 2002-2004;
- Organizer and presenter, Society of Professional Journalists Training Day, Corvallis, Ore. A day-long series of seminars on various topics presented by professional journalists. March 21, 2004;
- Member, Oregon Historical Society;
- Member, Museum of Natural and Cultural History, University of Oregon;
- Member, Willamette Writers.

VI. Awards.

Journalism awards and honors:

- **Society of Professional Journalists Northwest Region Daily Newspaper Contest:**
 - 2005: *Long feature*: First place.
 - 2004: *Food, fashion and home*: Third place.
- **Society of Professional Journalists Greater Oregon Chapter Non-Daily Contest:**
 - 2003: *Editorial writing*: first place.
 - 2002: *Personalities feature writing*: first place; *news feature writing*: first place; *spot news coverage*: second place; *Page One design*: third place.
 - 2001: *Business feature*: first place.
- **Oregon Newspaper Publishers Association Better Newspapers Contest:**
 - 2006: *General Excellence*: third place; *Page One design*: honorable mention.
 - 2005: *"Silk Purse" story*: honorable mention.
 - 2003: *Enterprise reporting*: first place; *general excellence*: second place; *Page One design*: second place; *editorial writing*: third place.

- 2002: *Enterprise reporting*: first place and third place (two awards); *business reporting*: first place; *spot news*: second place; *general feature*: second place; *editorial writing*: third place.
- 2001: *Best writing*: second place; *Page One design*: second place; *spot news*: second place and third place (two awards); *enterprise reporting*: second place.

