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Brief Biography

I was born in Boston in the fall. Since then, I had great good fortune to be drawn into history of social science by a series of wonderful advisors, both informally and formally - thank you to John Muth, Arlen W. Langvardt, Cass Sunstein, J. Ron Stanfield, David B. Wilson, and Hamilton Cravens. I owe to each of you my ongoing effort to serve the best that historians of social science can achieve for all humankind.

Teaching Interests: I suppose my teaching philosophy is this: that everyone of us, students and myself, have more potential in us than we yet recognize, or perhaps can even begin to believe. This supposition is why I teach. I teach in the hope that each student - even if they might not immediately know it - may find their life is made more meaningful through some idea that came through engagement with my course. I hope as well to contribute to raising our collective critical engagement with the greatest experiment in the history of social science: that we give from each according to his or her ability, to all of us in our shared experience in self-government.

Roles/Responsibilities

I am an Associate Professor of History, in the College of Arts & Humanities, Communication, and Social Sciences. My current teaching responsibilities include: Hist-210, Modern World History; Hist-240/Pols-240, History and Politics of Africa; Hist-390, History of Science & Technology; Hist-391, History of Social Science & Race; Hist-392, History of Mad Science; Pols-250, History of Race, Politics, and Technology; Pols-260, Problems of U.S. Foreign Policy; Educ-211, Fab Lab & Society; Hist-120, Early U.S. History; Hist-121, Modern U.S. History; APSS-301 Qualitative Research Methods. In addition I have taught numerous other courses over the last ten years, including Birth of the Republic, History of American Technology, European Thought and Culture, History of Texas, Social Science and the History of Africa, Western Civilization I, and Western Civilization II.. Please also note: I attempt to gain access to this site every semester to update office hours. The software is suspect, sometimes precluding access to the site. Currently the listed hours are for Spring 2017.

Office Hours

Day	Time
Mo We Fr	8:30 - 9:00
Mo We Fr	11:15 - 12:15
Mo We Fr	1:15 - 2:15

Education

- **Ph D History of Technology and Science**
  Iowa State University
  Ames, IA, United States, 2007

- **MA History**
  Iowa State University
  Ames, IA, United States, 2001
- **MA History of Economics**
  Colorado State University
  Fort Collins, CO, United States, 1996
- **AM Social Sciences**
  University of Chicago
  Chicago, IL, United States, 1992
- **BS Business Administration- Kelley School of Business**
  Indiana University
  Bloomington, IN, United States, 1988
- **Certificate in International Economics**
  Tilberg University, Netherlands
  Tilberg, Netherlands, 1987

Work Experience

Academic - Post-Secondary

- **University of Wisconsin - Stout**
  Associate Professor
  2014 -
- **University of Wisconsin - Stout**
  Assistant Professor
  2009 - 2014
- **Texas A&M University - Corpus Christi**
  Visiting Assistant Professor
  2008 - 2009
- **Texas A&M University - College Station**
  Visiting Assistant Professor
  2007 - 2008
- **Simpson College - Indianola, IA**
  Adjunct Professor
  2003 - 2008
- **Iowa State University**
  Teaching Assistant & Lecturer
  2000 - 2006

Intellectual Contributions

Book

- Seim, D. A Popular History of Mad Science [in progress, anticipated 2023]. .
- Seim, D. Computers vs. Jobs: With No Relation to Steve [forthcoming, 2018]. .
- Seim, D. (2015). Spirit in the Machine: Readings in the History of Social Science. , San Diego: Cognella. .
- Seim, D. (2013). Rockefeller Philanthropy and Modern Social Science. , London: Pickering & Chatto (Second printing, Paperback: New York: Routledge/Taylor and Francis).

Journal Article

- Seim, D. (2015). "Letter to the Editor". *American Historical Review, 120*(1), 393-4.
- Seim, D. (2012). "Objectivity vs. Advocacy: Newspaper Rhetoric during the ‘Bemis Affair’ and the ‘Oleomargarine Controversy’". , 335-344, Ames, IA.

- Seim, D. (2012). "Teaching History of Science and Technology at a Polytechnic Institution". *ASQ-STEM Conference Proceedings, online*.
- Seim, D. (2011). “F.Y. Edgeworth” (pp. 390-1), “J.F.W. Herschel” (pp. 519-21), “W.S. Jevons” (pp. 583-5), “J.M. Keynes” (pp. 592-3), “T.R. Malthus” (pp. 660-2), “Norman Pogson” (pp. 800-1), “Adam Smith” (pp. 997-1000), “James Sully” (pp. 1047-9). *Encyclopedia of the History of Psychological Theories*, New York.
- Seim, D. (2011). "Review of Thomas Stapleford, The Cost of Living in America: A Political History of Economic Statistics, 1880-2000". *Journal of the History of the Behavioral Sciences*.
- Seim, D. (2008). "The Butter-Margarine Controversy and 'Two Cultures' at Iowa State College". *The Annals of Iowa 67*(1), 1-50.
- Seim, D. (2007). "Economy and Technology: Lake Huron". *The American Midwest: An Interpretive Encyclopedia*, Indanapolis, IN: Indiana University Press.

Presentations

Paper

- Seim, D. (January, 2015). Various titles of presentations, papers, panels since Jan. 2015. ,
- Seim, D. (September 17, 2013). "Commentary on Educational Leadership". Northern Great Plains History Conference, Hudson, WI, United States.
- Seim, D. (July 17, 2012). "Teaching History of Science and Technology at a Polytechnic Institution". ASQ-STEM Conference, Menomonie, WI, United States.
- Seim, D. (June 1, 2012). "Objectivity vs. Advocacy: Newspaper Rhetoric during the ‘Bemis Affair’ and the ‘Oleomargarine Controversy'". Between Scientists & Citizens, Ames, IA, United States.
- Seim, D. (October 14, 2011). "To the ‘Furthest Point’ or to ‘Eat the Rope’? Polar Expeditions and Other Sciences within Recent ‘Historical Fiction'". Midwest Popular Culture Association/American Popular Culture Association, Milwaukee, WI, United States.
- Seim, D. (June 15, 2011). "W. Stanley Jevons, Natural Resource Management, and Agricultural Data". , Springfield, IL, United States.
- Seim, D. (March 31, 2011). "Rockefeller Philanthropy and the Development of the Social Sciences". Business History Society Annual Conference, St. Louis, MO, United States.
- Seim, D. (November 19, 2009). "The Terms ‘Evolution,’ ‘Evolved,’ and ‘Natural Selection’ in Anthropological Models, 1850s-1880s". Conference on 150 Years of Evolution, San Diego, CA, United States.
- Seim, D. (October 06, 2009). "Theodore W. Schultz and the Butter-Margarine Controversy". T.W. Shultz, Nobel Prize Commemorative Symposium, Brookings, SD, United States.
- Seim, D. (October 01, 2009). "Four Stages of Digital Computing – Looked at Through a Lens of the American Midwest". Mid-America Conference on History, Norman, OK, United States.
- Seim, D. (June 19, 2008). "The Purnell Act as Capstone to the Rise of ‘Scientific’ Agricultural Economics". Agricultural History Society, Reno, NV, United States.
- Seim, D. (April 13, 2007). "Rockefeller Philanthropy’s Division of Labor for Social Science, 1913-29". Midwest Junto for the History of Science, Ames, IA, United States.
- Seim, D. (November 03, 2005). "The ‘Ames School’ of Economics, 1930-1950: A Group Approach to Innovating New Scientific Methods". , Portland, OR, United States.
- Seim, D. (June 24, 2005). "The ‘Ames School’ of Economics and the ‘Oleomargarine Controversy". History of Economics Society,
- Seim, D. (October 28, 2004). "From Jest War to Just War: Military Illustrations in Sixteenth-Century English Sermons". Sixteenth Century Studies Conference, Toronto, Canada.
- Seim, D. (October 30, 2003). "‘The causes of plagues are playes’: Behavior Modification in Images of Natural Philosophy and Natural History in the Elizabethan Sermon". Sixteenth Century Studies Conference, Pittsburgh, PA, United States.

- Seim, D. (April 05, 2002). "Making Physical Anthropology a Science, 1920-1950: The Role of Mildred Trotter". Midwest Junto for the History of Science, IA, United States.
- Seim, D. (July 5, 2001). "Measuring Stars: John Herschel, N.R. Pogson, and a History of Stellar Magnitude Scales". Biennial History of Astronomy Workshop, South Bend, IN.
- Seim, D. (April 14, 2000). "John F.W. Herschel and the Problem of the Eclipse of His Reputation". Midwest Junto for the History of Science, Kansas City, MO.
- Seim, D. (February 4, 2000). "How Many Structures Do Scientific Papers Have?". Mephistos Graduate Student Conference, Norman, OK.

Session Chair

- Seim, D. (2014). "Commentary on Music in the Sciences". History of Science Society, Chicago, IL, United States.
- Seim, D. (June 22, 2014). "Commentary on History of Psychology". Cheiron: International Society for the History of the Behavioral and Social Sciences, Frederic, MD, United States.

Panelist

- Seim, D. (June 27, 2013). "Focus Group – Teaching World History in the Digital Age". , Minneapolis, MN, United States.

Participant

- Seim, D. (June 19, 2013). . National Institute on the Assessment of Adult Learning, Atlantic City, United States.

Grants, Contracts, and Sponsored Research

Grant

- Zagorski, K., & Seim, D. 2011) Curricular Incubation Grant: History and Politics of Africa. Sponsored by UW-Stout Curricular Incubation Center, $1759 (Funded).

Service

University

UW Stout

- (September 2009 - Present)