

Curriculum Vitae, August 2025

## **WAYNE ANDERSON**

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### **EDUCATION**

2014 Ph.D. University of Iowa, American Studies

Dissertation: "Honest to Goodness Farmers: Rural Iowa in American Culture during the Great Depression"

2008 M.A. University of Iowa, American Studies

1993 B.A. Luther College, History and English, magna cum laude

### **ACADEMIC POSITIONS**

#### **UNIVERSITY OF IOWA**

##### **Rhetoric Department**

2021-present	Associate Professor of Instruction
2016-2021	Lecturer
2014-2016	Visiting Assistant Professor
2004-06 & 2011-13	Graduate Instructor

##### **Tippie College of Business**

2014-2021	Writing Assessor, Accounting Department
2015-2016	Visiting Lecturer, Business Writing
2014-2015	Writing Consultant, Accounting Department

##### **American Studies Department**

2014	Writing Mentor
2007-2010	Graduate Instructor
2006-07 & 2009-10	Teaching Assistant
2007	Research Assistant

##### **History Department**

2006-07 & 2009-10	Writing Tutor
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### **COURSES TAUGHT**

#### **UNIVERSITY OF IOWA**

##### **Rhetoric Department**

Rhetoric  
Business Rhetoric  
Speaking & Reading  
Stories of the Midwest  
Iowa in the Movies

##### **American Studies Department**

Understanding American Cultures  
Twentieth Century Rural America  
Disney in America

##### **Business College**

Business Writing

## **PUBLICATIONS**

“The Visual Culture of the 1980s Farm Crisis,” chapter in *The Oxford Handbook of Midwestern History*, ed. Jon K. Lauck. (New York: Oxford University Press, 2025), 646-660.

“Midwestern Farmers Go to Washington: Motivations, Experiences, and Outcomes of the 1977-1979 Tractorcades,” *Middle West Review* 11, no. 2 (Spring 2025): 185-192.

“‘A Moral Duty to Uphold the Family Farm’: The Religious Response to the 1980s Farm Crisis,” *Agricultural History* 96, no. 4 (November 2022): 531-552.

Review of *American Niceness: A Cultural History*, by Carrie Tirado Bramen. *Middle West Review* 6, no. 1-2 (2019-2020): 138-140.

“‘Beautiful Land of Make-Believe’: Rural Iowa in 1930s Hollywood,” chapter in *Pieces of the Heartland: Representing Early Twentieth-Century Midwestern Places*, ed. Andy Oler. (Hastings, NE: Hastings College Press, 2018), 69-88.

## **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

2025 “Plows, Piledrivers, and Playgrounds: How a 19<sup>th</sup> Century Minnesota Farm Became a Pro Wrestler’s Dream Home and a Popular Regional Park,” Agricultural History Society Annual Meeting in Saint Paul, MN.

2024 Panelist on closing plenary roundtable, “Are You an Agricultural Historian or Do You Work for a Living?: Thinking Big about the Agricultural Historian Profession,” Agricultural History Society Annual Meeting in Las Cruces, NM.

2024 Panelist on roundtable, “Agriculture on the Large and Small Screen,” Agricultural History Society Annual Meeting in Las Cruces, NM.

2023 “‘Don’t Go Messin’ With Country Boys: Rural Characters in American Professional Wrestling since 1889,” Agricultural History Society Annual Meeting in Knoxville, TN.

2022 “‘The Lindbergh of the Corn Belt’: A Champion Husker’s Diplomatic Trip to Europe in 1952,” Agricultural History Society Annual Meeting in Stavanger, Norway.

2021 “‘It Won’t Be a Quiet Funeral’: White Crosses as a Symbol of the 1980s Farm Crisis,” Agricultural History Society Annual Meeting (online).

2019 “The American Farmer Goes to Washington: Visual Rhetoric of the 1977-1979 D.C. Tractorcades,” Agricultural History Society Annual Meeting in Washington, DC.

2018 “Iowa by the Sea: Migrant Iowans and Their Annual Picnics in Long Beach,” Midwestern History Conference in Grand Rapids, MI.

2018 “‘Rain on the Scarecrow, Blood on the Plow’: Ominous Imagery of the 1980s Farm Crisis,” Agricultural History Society Annual Meeting in St. Petersburg, FL.

2017 “‘An American Event’: Farm Aid and Its Portrayal of Farmers in the 1980s,” Agricultural History Society Annual Meeting in Grand Rapids, MI.

2016 “‘A Farm Girl Underneath’: A City Woman’s Escape to the Country in King Vidor’s *Stranger’s Return*,” Agricultural History Society Annual Meeting in Briarcliff Manor, NY.

2015 “Who’s Afraid of the Big, Bad Depression?: Animated Pigs in 1930s American Culture,” Agricultural History Society Annual Meeting in Lexington, KY.

2014 “A Century of Progress?: ‘Farm Week’ at the 1933 World’s Fair,” Agricultural History Society Annual Meeting in Provo, UT.

2013 “Cultivating an Image of Rural Iowa: ‘Farm Pictures’ in 1930s Hollywood,” Agricultural History Society Annual Meeting in Banff, AB, Canada.

2011 “The National Corn Husking Contest and Images of the Model Midwestern Farmer,” Performing Ethnicities through Sport Conference in Iowa City, IA.

### **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

2024-present	Executive Secretary, Agricultural History Society
2023-present	Executive Board Member, Mid-America American Studies Association
2019-2024	Annual Meetings Advisor, Agricultural History Society
2020-2023	Elected Member of the Executive Committee, Agricultural History Society
2017, 2021-2023	Conference Panel Chair, Agricultural History Society Annual Meeting
2021	Blind Peer Reviewer, <i>Annals of Iowa</i>

### **DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE**

#### **University of Iowa**

2017-2018, 2023-present	Rhetoric Department Professional and Graduate Committee
2021-present	Business Rhetoric Liaison with Tippie College of Business
2021-present	Rhetoric Department Consulting Group
2023-2024	Rhetoric Departmental Review Committee
2021-2023	Rhetoric Department Core Committee
2019-2021	Rhetoric Department Minor Committee
2018-2021	Rhetoric Department Social Committee
2019	Rhetoric Department Hiring Committee
2016-2017	Rhetoric Department Outreach and Donors Committee
2009-2010	American Studies Graduate Admissions Committee
2008-2009	American Studies Department Steering Committee

## **MENTORING**

### **University of Iowa Rhetoric Department**

2018-present Course Supervisor for thirteen graduate student teaching assistants  
2018-2023 Teaching Mentor for nine undergraduate tutors in the Success in Rhetoric program  
2017 Teaching Mentor for two undergraduate peer assistants

## **AWARDS AND HONORS**

2012-15, 2018-19, 2021 Champion for Student Success, Excelling @ Iowa Program  
2013 Teaching Excellence Award, University of Iowa Rhetoric Department  
1993 Phi Beta Kappa, Luther College

## **COMPETITIVE GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS**

2014 State Historical Society of Iowa, Research Grant  
2011 State Historical Society Incorporated, Dissertation Research Grant  
2010 University of Iowa Graduate College, Summer Fellowship

## **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

2018 IDEAL Podcasting and Pedagogy Workshop, University of Iowa  
2016 ICON Overview and Content, University of Iowa Information Technology Services  
2013 TILE certification program for teaching in high-tech classrooms, University of Iowa  
2004 Professional Development Program, University of Iowa Rhetoric Department

## **CURRENT PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

Agricultural History Society