

## CURRICULUM VITA

Matthew A. Redinger

### EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

Doctor of Philosophy in History, University of Washington, Seattle, 1993

Master of Arts in History, University of Montana, Missoula, 1988

Bachelor of Arts in History, University of Montana, 1986

### PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT

#### **2018-present: Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs and Professor of History**

University of Providence:

**Primary Responsibilities:** Serve as a member of the President's Cabinet to contribute to the overall management of the institution in close collaboration with other campus top-level leaders; Chair the campus Academic Excellence workstream and collaborate in the Student Experience strategic planning workstream; Manage, as direct reports, the Directors of Institutional Effectiveness (assessment and accreditation), Institutional Research, Core/General Education, Teaching and Learning Excellence, Career Services, and Academic Success Center (tutoring, advising, disability support services, and TRIO), as well as the University Registrar, Dean of Arts and Sciences, and Executive Dean of Health Professions; Implement the recommendations of the Resource and Program Optimization team (program prioritization); Administer budgets for the division of Academic Affairs; Coordinate facilities planning for Academic Affairs; Collaborate with Vice Presidents of Enrollment Management (on recruitment and retention), Operations (on finances, personnel management, facilities, and security), and Student Engagement (athletics, housing, and auxiliary services); Lead institutional accreditation efforts and Contribute to the advancement of accreditation efforts regionally; and Foster a commitment to fulfillment of the university's mission.

**Successes in the position:** Most recently, led the University of Providence in a complete administrative retooling to establish a new shared governance infrastructure, separate colleges and academic departments, and to rewrite the Faculty Handbook; introduced and implemented a reorganized system of academic program assessment whereby faculty are able to turn to documented successes to promote their programs; managed process for academic programs to dramatically increase the minimum class size between fall 2018 and spring 2020;

contributed to a university-wide Operational Improvement Plan to achieve operational sustainability. For accreditation, chaired two successful Mid-Cycle Review teams for the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities, and am leading the University of Providence's preparation of its Mid-Cycle Review (due March 2021).

### **2013-2018: Vice Provost for Academic Affairs**

Montana State University Billings:

**Primary responsibilities:** Served as a member of the Chancellor's Cabinet, working on statewide initiatives including serving on Montana University System Developmental Education Taskforce and Council, the MUS Prior Learning Assessment Taskforce, the General Education Council, the Common Course Numbering Council and as the campus Accreditation Liaison Officer and Assessment Officer; Lead, with a small task force, the campus Academic Program Prioritization initiative; Supported the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs logistically, philosophically, and strategically in carrying out the university's mission and vision; Built connections by serving as liaison between the provost's office and the campus; Chaired the Director's Council, the Assessment and Accreditation Council, and the Student Success Committee/Gateways to Completion Steering Committee; Co-Chaired the University Space Use Committee; Prepared and monitored Montana University Board of Regents academic items; Oversaw the General Education program; Set budgets for university-wide accreditation and assessment activities; and Contributed a faculty/administration perspective to union/management committee meetings for both the Faculty Administration Collaborative Council (University Campus) and the Montana Two Year College Faculty Association (City College).

**Successes in the position:** Contributed to a culture of trust between faculty and administration challenged by budget cuts and other initiatives while advocating for the faculty; completed and submitted the Year Three and nearly completed the Year Seven Report for the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (November 2013, September 2018); helped lead a team to devise an academic program prioritization process, and facilitated the implementation of its findings as part of the University Budget Committee (fall 2014); managed the update of the 2013-2018 Montana State University Billings Strategic Plan (April 2015); completed and submitted the comprehensive Student Success Committee report (October 2015); and mobilized faculty support for course redesign under the John N. Gardner Institute's "Gateways to Completion" program (2015-2018). Also earned certification through the AASCU Becoming a Provost Academy (2017-2018) and the Penn State University Academic Leadership Academy (2014-2015).

**Montana University System responsibilities:** Served on the Montana University System Developmental Education Taskforce and Council, the MUS Prior Learning Assessment Taskforce, the General Education Council, the Common Course Numbering Council, and attended and contributed to MUS Board of Regents meetings when appropriate in support of MSU Billings agenda items.

#### **2012-2013: Interim Vice Provost for Academic Affairs**

This was a new position to the university, and the year was filled with efforts to support Provost Mark Pagano by bringing the voice of the faculty to the Office of the Provost. Specifically, the duties, in terms of committee work, MUS responsibilities, and accreditation activities performed as vice provost were established in this interim year.

**Successes in the position:** Among the most important, but least tangible successes in this (new, interim) position was the positive goodwill cultivated between the faculty and the administration as a member of the Chancellor's Cabinet and other top-level administrative bodies as a voice of and for the faculty.

**Montana University System responsibilities:** Continued service of Montana University System Developmental Education Council, General Education Council, and Common Course Numbering Council.

#### **2005-2012: Chair, Department of History**

Montana State University Billings

**Primary responsibilities:** Re-established departmental identity following separation from larger department; fostered quality educational program in the Department of History; directed departmental assessment activities, course scheduling, budgeting and strategic planning; conducted faculty evaluation and curricular review; prepared departmental Montana University System Board of Regents curricular items; oversaw program development, departmental student retention, departmental common course numbering protocols, and student grade appeals; and managed lecturers and part-time instructors.

**Successes in the position:** Led the departmental commitment to improving student academic writing by requiring HSTA 200 Historian as Detective as prerequisite to upper division History courses. Led the common course numbering FLOCing process and helped mold the curricular review process for History Departments throughout the Montana University System. Oversaw a growth in the number of majors and the re-establishment of the stand-alone status of the Department of History. Elected president of the Faculty Association (2012 but did not serve as it coincided with selection as interim vice provost).

**Montana University System responsibilities:** Served on the statewide Developmental Education Taskforce and managed the Common Course Numbering system in its first cohorts.

**1996-2018: Professor (tenured 2002), Department of History**

Montana State University Billings

**Primary responsibilities:** MSU Billings, as a teaching-centric institution, requires excellence in teaching, and significant strength in areas of scholarship and service. In a small department, faculty must be flexible in their areas of teaching expertise. Besides teaching a wide variety of courses in the history of the US, Latin America, Middle East, and numerous survey courses, I maintained a vigorous research agenda, including securing grants, conducting original research, and publishing the results. Finally, I served the department, the college, the university, and my discipline through academic advising, serving on dozens of departmental, college and university committees, including search committee across the university at the widest possible variety of positions, and served as an active member in my discipline.

**Successes in the position:** Tenure, promotion, outstanding faculty awards (2003, 2011), various publications (including a monograph in 2005), and positive student evaluations and full classes are indicators of success as a professor of History.

**1995-1996: Adjunct Assistant Professor of History**

North Carolina A&T State U/Guilford College/Greensboro College (Greensboro, NC)

**1993-1995: Assistant Professor of History**

Bennett College (HBCU in Greensboro, NC)

## PUBLICATIONS

Books and Book Chapters:

"Burke, Lippman, Walsh: *Diplomacia privada en la crisis Iglesia y Estado en Mexico, 1927- 1929*," in Jean Meyer, Comp., *Las Naciones Frente al Conflicto Religioso En Mexico (1926-1929)* (Mexico: Tusquets Editores Mexico, 2010)

Co-Author with Frank Karpel *History Notes* Vol. I and II (Upper Saddle River, NJ: Prentice Hall, 2007)

*American Catholics and the Mexican Revolution, 1924-1936* (South Bend: University of Notre Dame Press, 2005)

"You Just Wouldn't Understand....," in *Affirmed Action: Essays on the Academic and Social Lives of White Faculty Members at Historically Black Colleges and Universities* (New York: Rowman & Littlefield Pub. Inc., 1999).

Current Book Research:

“Comparative Frontiers: Modernity’s Confrontation with Indigenous Populations in the United States and Argentina, 1860-1890” (working title)

Refereed Journals:

“Intelligence Agencies, Political Scandals and Democracy in Brazil,” co-authored with Dr. Daniel Zirker, *Journal of Political and Military Sociology* (31: Summer, 2003)

“‘To Arouse and Inform:’ The Knights of Columbus and U.S.-Mexican Relations, 1924-1937” *Catholic Historical Review* (July 2002), 489-518

Various publications advancing the discipline of History, including numerous encyclopedia articles (*Encyclopedia of United States-Latin American Relations* 2012, *The Encyclopedia of the Great Plains* 2004, and *The Encyclopedia of Railroad History* 1988), newspaper articles and guest editorials, and book reviews for professional journals including *The Catholic Historical Review*, *Journal of American History*, and *Ethnohistory*.

## SERVICE

### Committee Work

I have served on dozens of national, state, university, and departmental committees at the University of Providence and Montana State University Billings. Among the most significant are:

University of Providence:

President’s Cabinet/President’s Advisory Council, 2018-present  
 President’s COVID-19 Taskforce, 2020-present  
 Academic Affairs COVID-19 Rapid Response Team, 2020-present  
 COVID-19 Conduct Committee, 2020-present  
 Program Resource Optimization Committee, 2018-2019  
 Academic Excellence (strategic plan) Workstream (chair), 2018-present  
 Student Experience (strategic plan) Workstream, 2018-present  
 Chief Financial Officer/Chief Operating Officer Search Committee (chair), 2018-2019

Montana State University Billings:

Chancellor’s Cabinet, 2012-2018  
 Student Success Committee (chair), 2014-2015  
 Gateways to Completion Steering Committee (chair), 2015-2018  
 Faculty/Administration Collaborative Council (University Campus union), 2012-2018  
 Union/Management Committee (City College union), 2012-2018  
 Assessment and Accreditation Council (chair), 2011-2018  
 Academic Prioritization Council, 2013-2018

Strategic Initiative Planning Committee, 2012-2018  
 University Budget Committee, 2012-2018  
 Advancement Council, 2017-2018  
 Council on Enrollment Management, 2015-2018  
 Space Use Committee (co-chair), 2012-2016  
 Northwest Accreditation Steering Committee, 2005-2009  
 General Education Committee, 2009-2012 (chair), *ex officio*, 2012-2018  
 NCATE Visit Committee and Assessment Oversight Committee, 2002-2003, 2007-2012  
 Collaborative Negotiation Committee, 2005, 2007  
 Academic Senate, 1998-2007, *ex officio*, 2012-2018  
 Faculty Association Treasurer, 2005-2007  
 Graduate Faculty, 1996-2018  
 James Madison Memorial Fellowship Foundation faculty advisor, 2005-2012  
 Harry S. Truman Foundation Scholarship Committee (chair), 1998-2002  
 Haynes Foundation Merit Scholars Mentor, 2003-2007  
 Academic Computing and Allied Technologies Committee, 1997-2004 (chair, 2003-2004)  
 College of Arts and Sciences Travel Committee, 1997-2007 (chair, 2003-2007)  
 Environmental Studies Faculty Advisory Board, 1998-2010  
 MSUB Speakers Bureau, 1997-2018  
 Outstanding Senior Selection Committee, 1999-2000, 2003-2010  
 Model United Nations Security Council Chair, 2002-2005  
 Foundation Wine Festival Wine Store, 2001-2011  
 Multicultural Student Services Minorities Task Force, 2007-2018  
 Relay For Life, 2001-2012

#### Department of History:

Phi Alpha Theta Advisor, 1996-2007  
 Phi Alpha Theta Regional Conference co-organizer, 1998, 2004, 2010  
 History Club Advisor, 1996-2007  
 Department Website Administrator, 1996-2006  
 Department/Program Rank and Tenure Committees: History, Art, Sociology,  
 Environmental Studies (chair, 2004-2006), English, Biological and Physical  
 Sciences, Political Science and Mathematics

#### Montana University System:

Developmental Education Taskforce and Council, 2013-2017  
 General Education Council, 2013-2017  
 Prior Learning Assessment Task Force, 2013-2015  
 Common Course Numbering Council, 2013-2018

#### National Committees/Service:

College Board AP US History Advisory Committee, 2015-2017  
 Phi Alpha Theta National Councilor, 2005-2010  
 Rowman and Littlefield Publishers manuscript referee, 2015-2018

*Montana The Magazine of Western History*, manuscript referee, 2012-2018  
 Oxford University Press manuscript referee, 2004-2018  
 Prentice Hall Publishing Company manuscript referee, 2004-2018  
*North Dakota History: Journal of the Northern Plains*, manuscript referee, 1998-2018  
 History New Service National Steering Committee, 1998-2005  
 History New Service National Web Coordinator, 1998-2005

### **Public Service**

Service to my community has taken many different forms during my tenure at various institutions. As a faculty member and as an administrator, I have extensive experience in delivering invited presentations at events such as Town and Gown dinners and Library Lecture Series and others on subjects as diverse as MSUB strategic initiatives, propaganda in World War I, Middle East peace, the Arab Spring, Lewis and Clark in Montana, leadership in higher education, slavery, changes in graduate education, the New Deal in Montana, and Peruvian popular art. In addition, I have contributed to interviews with local media outlets, including television (KFBB, KTVQ and KULR), and radio (KEMC and KBUL), on issues such as the Elections of 2000-06, Palestinian Authority under attack, Jihad, air strikes on Afghanistan, U.S.-Cuban Relations, the Modern Middle East, Terrorism, and U.S. Foreign Policy, 1998-present.

### **GRANT WRITING**

#### **Grants Received:**

"Battling for Survival: American Indians in Montana," (Writing team and Principal Historical Consultant, Project Director: Jeff Sanders), 2005-2006 (\$81,206.53)

"We Are Still Here: Humanists Consider Coping Strategies of Native Americans Through Religion, Art, and Story" (Writing team and Presenter; Project Director: St. John Robinson), 2001 (\$25,000)

T5 Faculty Development MiniGrant, MSU-Billings, 2001 (\$1275)

#### **Grants Written:**

USDOE Title III Strengthening Institutions Program (Chair, "Title III SWAT Team"), 2015 (\$3- 5 million unfunded)

"Chief Plenty Coups State Park: A Shared Landmark in American and Crow History," (Writing team and Principal Historical Consultant, Project Director: Jeff Sanders), 2006-2007 (\$156,911)

### **FACULTY HONORS and AWARDS**

MSU Billings Foundation Faculty Achievement Award, 2003, 2011

MSU Billings Foundation Faculty Achievement Award Nominee, 2001, 2002

Winston & Helen Cox Junior Faculty Achievement Fellowship Nominee, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001

### **PAST PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

American Historical Association

Conference on Latin American History

Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations

American Catholic Historical Association

South American Coordinator, Global Travel Alliance

Phi Alpha Theta, Delta-Iota Chapter

Rocky Mountain Conference on Latin American Studies

Organization of American Historians