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## **EDUCATION**

**Ph.D.** University of Virginia Charlottesville, VA 1995  
Major: American History, U.S. South, Appalachia  
Supporting Areas of Emphasis: Early Medieval Europe; Cultural Anthropology  
Dissertation Title: Economy and Society in Appalachian Kentucky, 1850-1915

**M.A.** University of Virginia Charlottesville, VA 1990  
Major: American History

**B.A.** University of Wisconsin-Madison Madison, WI 1986  
Major: History and Anthropology  
Thesis Title: Mycenaeans in the Levant

## **ACADEMIC POSITIONS**

**Professor**, Eastern Kentucky University, 2012 - Present

**Associate Professor**, Eastern Kentucky University, 2003 - 2012

**Assistant Professor**, Eastern Kentucky University, 1999 - 2003

**Visiting Faculty**, University of Missouri-Columbia, 1995 - 1999

**Instructor**, University of Missouri-St. Louis, 1994 - 1995

**Instructor**, East Central College, Union, Missouri, 1994

**Teaching Assistant/Grader/Instructor**, University of Virginia, 1991

## TEACHING

<b>Course Prefix and Number</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Times Taught</b>
APP 200	Introduction to Appalachia	30
APP 420	Appalachia in U.S. History	2
HIS 103/203	American Civ Since 1877	30
HIS 102/202	American Civ to 1877	30
HIS 300	Boonesborough	1
HIS 302A	US Local History	4
HIS 302A	Civil War and Reconstruction	1
HIS 312A	Ind Study: several topics	6
HIS 406	Nineteenth-Century South	3
HIS 407	Twentieth-Century South	3
HIS 413	United States Since 1945	1
HIS 420	Appalachia in U.S. History	7
HIS 424	Civil War and Reconstruction	4
HIS 450W	Senior Seminar in History	6
HIS 849	Ind Study: several topics	6
HIS 860	U.S. History topics	10
HON 401	Sustainable Communities	1

## RESEARCH/CREATIVE INTERESTS

Appalachian History

Eastern Kentucky, 1945-1965, Intersecting landscapes: agrarian, resource extraction, public infrastructure.

## PUBLISHED WORKS

### **Scholarly Books:**

Weise, R. S. (2001). *Grasping at Independence: Debt, Male Authority, and Mineral Rights in Appalachian Kentucky, 1850-1915*. Knoxville: University of Tennessee Press.

Weise, R. S. (2015), and Thomas Kiffmeyer, eds. "Building A History of Twentieth-Century Kentucky." *Register of the Kentucky Historical Society*, 113 (2-3).

Ongoing, in-process presentation of research: [Coalfields Landscapes: Appalachian Kentucky, ca. 1920-1970](#) Omeka Platform.

### **Refereed Journal Articles:**

Weise, R. S. (2015). Socially Relevant History: Appalachian Kentucky in the 20th Century. *Register of the Kentucky Historical Society*, 113(2-3).

Weise, R. S. (2009). A New Deal in the Cold War: Carl D. Perkins, Coal, and the Political Economy of Poverty in Eastern Kentucky, 1948-1964. *Register of the Kentucky Historical Society*, 107(3).

Weise, R. S. (2006). The Broad Form Deed. *University of Tennessee Press*.

Weise, R. S. (2002). AppalJ Roundtable Discussion: Robert S. Weise's Grasping at Independence: Debt, Male Authority, and Mineral Rights in Appalachian Kentucky, 1830-1925 [sic] . . . Robert Weise Responds. *Appalachian Journal*, 30(1), 104-113.

Weise, R. S. (2001). New Towns for Red Bird, Kentucky: Isolation and Civic Society in Twentieth-Century Discussions of Appalachian Poverty. *Journal of Appalachian Studies*, 7(2), 273-284.

Weise, R. S. (1995). Property, Gender, and the Sale of Mineral Rights in Preindustrial Eastern Kentucky. *Journal of the Appalachian Studies Association*, 7, 79-90.

Weise, R. S. (1990). Profits and Losses: The Coming of Coal Mining to Eastern Kentucky. *Now and Then*, 7(1), 26-29.

### **Peer Reviewed Book Chapters**

Weise, R. S. (2001). Remaking Red Bird: Isolation and the War on Poverty in a Rural Appalachian Locality. In Stock, C. M., Johnston, R. (Eds.), *The Countryside in the Age of the Modern State: Political Histories of Rural America* (pp. 258-280). Ithaca: Cornell University Press.

Weise, R. S. (1991). Big Stone Gap and the New South, 1880-1900. In Ayers, E. L., Willis, J. C. (Eds.), *The Edge of the South: Life in Nineteenth-Century Virginia* (pp. 173-194). Charlottesville: University Press of Virginia.

### **ORAL PAPERS PRESENTED/INVITED LECTURES**

Weise, R.S. Who Owns Appalachia Revisited: the Kentucky River Landgrab of the 1870s. Society of Appalachian Historians. Maryville, TN. May 2022.

Weise, R. S. Maximum Feasible Participation' in Appalachian Historical Context. Appalachian Studies Association. East Tennessee State University, invited, March 2015.

Weise, R. S. Landscapes, Environment, and Anti-Poverty Policy in Appalachian Kentucky. Society of Appalachian Historians. Berea, KY, May 2014.

Weise, R. S. Poverty Discourse, Social Science, and Politics in Appalachian Kentucky in the 1950s - 1960s. *Forum on Agricultural, Rural, and Environmental History of the South (FARES)*. Appalachian State University. Boone, NC, April 29, 2009.

Weise, R. S. Altering the Rural Landscape of Eastern Kentucky: poverty and government anti-poverty policy in the 20th century. *Forum on Rural History at Mississippi State (FARhMS)*. Starkville, MS, April 5, 2008.

Weise, R. S. Eastern Kentucky Connections to Washington in the 1950s: First Dispatches from the Papers of Congressman Carl D. Perkins. *Appalachian Studies Association Conference*. Dayton, OH, March 2006.

Weise, R. S. Investigating Racial Cleansings in Eastern Kentucky. *Appalachian Studies Association Conference*. Richmond, Kentucky, March 2003.

Weise, R. S. Isolation, Civic Society, and Poverty in the 'Problem' South. *Ohio Valley History Conference*. Clarksville, TN, October 2002.

Weise, R. S. Civic Society in the Discourse of Rural Poverty in the Southern U.S., 1945-1970. *Social Science History Association Conference*. St. Louis, MO, October 2002.

Weise, R. S. Isolation and Southern Rural Poverty: Civic Society in the 'Problem South. *Southern Historical Association Conference*. New Orleans, LA, November 2001.

Weise, R. S. New Towns for Red Bird, Kentucky: Isolation and Civic Society in Twentieth Century Discussions of Appalachian Poverty. *Appalachian Studies Association Conference*. Snowshoe, WV, March 2001.

Weise, R. S. Revisiting the Isolation Narrative of the Nineteenth-Century Rural South. *Social Science History Association Conference*. Pittsburgh, PA, November 2000.

Weise, R. S. The Limits of Community in Nineteenth-Century Eastern Kentucky. *Appalachian Studies Association Conference*. Knoxville, TN, March 2000.

Weise, R. S. Intra-household Relations and the Origins of Industrialization in Appalachian Kentucky. *Social Science History Association Conference*. New Orleans, LA, November 1996.

Weise, R. S. Property, Gender, and the Sale of Mineral Rights in Preindustrial Eastern Kentucky. *Appalachian Studies Association Conference*. Blacksburg, VA, March 1994.

Weise, R. S. Selling Mineral Rights on Right Beaver Creek, Kentucky. *Appalachian Studies Association Conference*. Johnson City, TN, March 1993.

### **Invited Scholarly Presentations**

Weise, R.S. Who Owns Appalachia Revisited. JS Cooper Lectures, Somerset Community College (virtual), November 2021. Presented also at the Berea College New Faculty Orientation, July 2022.

Weise, R. S. Economic Development in Eastern Kentucky, 1935-1965. Clark County Historical Society/Library. Winchester, KY, invited, July 27, 2017.

Weise, R. S. Estill County in the Local Historical Capacity Project. Estill County Historical Society. Irvine, invited, November 1, 2016.

Weise, R. S. Gender and Environmental Activism. *Herstory Conference at EKV*. Eastern Kentucky University, invited, March 24, 2016.

Weise, R. S. Appalachian Environment and Public Policy. *Kentucky History Education Conference*. Kentucky Historical Society. Frankfort, KY, invited, July 2014.

Weise, R. S. Eco-Appalachia in the War on Poverty. *Earth Days in the Cumberlands*. EKV Center for Appalachian Studies. Richmond, KY, April 16, 2009.

Weise, R. S. The Burden of Being Labeled Poor: Industrial Recruitment Strategies and the Transformation of the Rural Kentucky Landscape, 1935-2009. *Harriette Arnow Conference on Appalachian Literature and Culture*. Somerset Community College, invited, April 3, 2009.

Weise, R. S. War on Poverty in Kentucky. *Seminar at Eastern Kentucky*. April 2005.

Weise, R. S. The Fraud of Poverty in Appalachia. *Appalachian Days, Eastern Kentucky University*. September 2004.

Weise, R. S. Grasping at Independence. *Bluegrass Symposium*. Lexington, KY, invited, April 2003.

### **Other Presentations**

Weise, R.S. Participant. Roundtable on Service in the Historical Profession. Conference honoring Edward Ayers. Charlottesville, VA, June, 2018.

Weise, R. S. Discussant. The Movement Comes To The Cumberlands: Re-Imagining Appalachia Through Activism. *Southern Historical Association*. Mobile, AL, November 2012.

Weise, R. S. Discussant. *Appalachian Studies Association*. Dahlonega, GA, March 2010, Commentary on Reformers to Radicals.

Weise, R. S. Grasping at Independence. *Appalachian Studies Association Conference*. Unicoi, GA, March 2002.

Weise, R. S. Rethinking Narratives of Community and Resistance: Historical Scholarship and Activism in Appalachian Studies. *Appalachian Studies Association Conference*. Boone, NC, March 1998.

Weise, R. S. Discussant. The First American Frontier: Transition to Capitalism in Appalachia, 1700-1860. *Appalachian Studies Association Conference*. Fort Thomas, KY, March 1997.

### **OTHER MEETINGS/WORKSHOPS/PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

Designing Instruction for Significant Learning, Teaching. (February 21, 2015).  
Visiting workshop with Dr. Dee Fink

### **STUDENT SUPERVISION (Scholarly/Creative Activities)**

#### **Undergraduate Students Supervised: Honors**

Mallory Puckett. Origin of Education in Eastern Kentucky: A Study of One-Room Schoolhouses. Spring 2016.

Amanda Jones. Eastern Kentucky Coal Towns. Spring 2010?

Daniel Weddington. Industrial Workers of the World and the Communist Party in the Harlan County Strikes of 1931. Spring 2005?

#### **Undergraduate Students Supervised**

Jacob Johnson. Oral History (with Neil Kasiak). Spring 2021.

Melvyn Diggs. African-American Community in Richmond, KY. Spring 2021.

Mason McCord. Secession and Its Causes, 1860s. Fall 2015.

Kellye (Curtis) Cole. Slavery and Politics the 19th Century U.S. South. Summer 2015.

Meghan Mays. New South in Gilded Age America. Spring 2014.

#### **Graduate Students Supervised**

Dana Johns. Cold War in the Eisenhower Administration. Spring 2019.

Paolo D'Amato. War on Poverty in Eastern Kentucky. Spring 2019.

Joshua Cornett. The Bomb in American Culture. Spring 2017.

Meghan Clancy. The Cold War. Spring 2016.

Hannah Carlin. Civil War and Reconstruction. Spring 2014.

Anna Smith. Clabe Jones and Nineteenth Century Appalachia. Spring 2013.

## **INSTITUTIONAL SERVICE**

### **Department**

**Search Committee, outside department**, Appointed.

Served on Economics Department Search Committee (2013)

Served on Sociology Program Search Committee (2015)

Social/Outreach. (2011 – 2013; 2019-2021).

Assessment committee. (2009 – 2013; 2018-2019).

Travel/Merit. (2008 – 2010; 2017-2019).

Promotion and Tenure. (2007 – 2010; 2020-2021).

Advisory. (2005 – 2009; 2016-2021).

Ad Hoc Graduate Committee. (2000).

### **University**

Appalachian Studies, **Committee, Member**, approximately 100 hours spent per year,  
Appointed. (August 2013 - Present).

Helping to run Appalachian Studies program

Faculty Senate (2016, 2018, 2020-2021); F. Senate Budget Committee (2020-2021)

Covid Task Force **Committee, member** (fall, 2020)

Faculty Advisor, Dance Theater at ECU (spring, 2020 – spring, 2022)

Advisory Board, Center for Appalachian Studies, **Committee, Member**. (1999 -  
2013).

Earth Days Committee, **Committee, Member**. (2002 - 2010).

Planned Earth Days events for the university community

Eastern Committee on Responsible Environmental Stewardship. (2005 - 2009).

Chaired committee that developed plan to promote environmental sustainability  
on the ECU campus.

Sabbatical Leave committee. (2002 - 2003).

Teacher Education committee. (2001 - 2003).

Advisory Board, Center for Kentucky History and Politics. (2000 - 2002).

Advisory Board, St. Stephen the Martyr Newman Center. (2000 - 2002).

### **SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION**

Weatherford Award, **Committee, Member**, Appointed. (2010 - 2017).

Reviewed books nominated for the Weatherford Award in Appalachian Studies, given by Berea College

Kentucky Historic Preservation Review Board (Kentucky Heritage Council).  
(September 2000 - December 2015).

Appalachian Studies Association conference  
**Program Committee Co-Chair**, 2010 - 2011  
**Program Committee, Member**, 2002 - 2003

### **COMMUNITY SERVICE**

#### **Other Community Service**

Catholic Committee of Appalachia, **Secretary**. (January – December 2015).

Catholic Committee of Appalachia, **Board or Trustee, Member**. (December 2012 - December 2015).

Eastern Kentucky Leadership Conference. Grayson, Kentucky, **Invited participant**.  
(April 2004).

### **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

Appalachian Studies Association, Program co-chair, 2011 conference.  
Combination of academic, activist, and cultural groups. Publishes an academic journal (Journal of Appalachian Studies) and holds an annual conference.

Catholic Committee of Appalachia, Member, Board of Directors.  
Social justice organization; approaches social issues in Appalachia from a religious perspective.

Kentucky Historical Society, Editorial Board.  
Public academic organization. Runs the Kentucky History Center; publishes the Register of the Kentucky Historical Society.

National Register of Historic Places, State Review Board.  
Evaluates nominations for the historical register in the state of Kentucky

## **HONORS AND AWARDS**

### **Personal Awards**

Collins Award Register of the Kentucky Historical Society Frankfort, KY. (November 2010).

## **OTHER ACTIVITIES/ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

### **Sabbaticals**

(2007-2008)

Fall Semester Only: Full Pay,

Research toward the publication of 2009/2010 article in Register of the Kentucky Historical Society.

2019

Spring semester only: Full Pay

Construction of Omeka Sites [here](#) and [here](#)

Research and writing on Coalfield Landscapes site.