

# Steven Lechner

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## EDUCATION

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- Doctor of Philosophy, Public History; North Carolina State University 2020**
- **Dissertation: Recalling Ethnic Yorkville: *The Histories, Heritage Practices, Imaginaries, and Identities of Two Ethnic Communities in One Urban Neighborhood***
  - Outside Field: Anthropology
  - Major Field: Twentieth Century United States History and Public Memory (Dr. Katherine Mellen Charron)
  - Secondary Field: Commemoration, Memorials, and Museums (Dr. David A. Zonderman, Chair)
  - Secondary Field: Migration, Identity, and Ethnicity in America (Dr. Akram F. Khater)
- Juris Doctorate, Law (*summa cum laude*); University of Maine School of Law; Portland, ME 1999**
- Master of Arts, History; University of North Carolina at Greensboro; Greensboro, NC 2015**
- Master of Arts, Integrated Marketing Communications; Drake University; Des Moines, IA 1997**
- Bachelor of Science, Parks, Recreation, and Tourism; University of Missouri; Columbia, MO 1993**

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## TEACHING AND RELATED EXPERIENCES

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- Asst. Teaching Professor/Director, History Honors, North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC 2021-Present**
- Teach the following undergraduate courses: *Modern American History, History of Nonprofits, Philanthropy, and Social Movements*; and *Frauds & Mysteries of the Past*
  - Taught the following graduate-level seminars: *Cultural Heritage and Recent America*
  - Serve as Director of the History Honors Program
- Professor, William Peace University, Raleigh, NC 2020-2021**
- Taught and designed curricula and lesson plans for global history courses: *World Civilizations I & II*
  - Taught and designed curricula and lesson plans for *History of American Sport*
- Instructor and Teaching Assistant, North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC 2016-2020**
- Designed and taught two sections of *Modern American History*
  - Created, designed, and taught *American Sport: A Historical Examination*, a history department elective
  - Teaching Assistant for *Early American History* and *Modern American History* with duties of planning and leading weekly discussion sections and regular assessments
- Social Studies Teacher, Leesville Road High School, Raleigh, NC 2016**
- Taught and designed lessons for *American History II Honors* and *Holocaust & Genocide*
- ESL Teacher, Wake Technical Community College, Raleigh, NC and Guilford Technical Community College; Jamestown, NC 2014-2015**
- Taught ESL to variety of adult learners from the *Beginning to Advanced Literacy* levels
  - Supplemented CASAS curriculum with independent curriculum design
- Social Studies Teacher, High Point Christian Academy, High Point, NC 2008-2014**
- Taught *AP U.S. History, U.S. Government and Economics, U.S. History* and *World History*
  - Designed and taught *Mock Trial & American Jurisprudence*
- Recreation/Student Activities Director, Tulsa Junior College, Tulsa, OK 1994-1995**
- Planned and implemented recreation and student activities plan for multi-campus junior college system
  - Managed variety of programs and activities including public art displays to intramural sports offerings
- Public/ Media Relations and College Scouting, Los Angeles Raiders; El Segundo, CA 1991-1994**
- Wrote for team publications including Game Day magazine and press releases
  - Developed and oversaw charity/outreach program
  - Represented organization at national and local speaking engagements
  - Worked with NFL statistics bureau on game day and assisted with team travel
  - Collaborated with NFL to plan and implement football camps for area youth
  - Served as part of Super Bowl XXVII public relations team
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## HONORS, AWARDS, and ACHIEVEMENTS

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NEH Research Grant, through NC State History Dept., Fall 2018

Chosen by NC State History Dept. to present research at Graduate Student Research Symposium, 2017, 2018, 2019

Graduated from UNCG, M.A. History, and completed all course work at NC State with 4.0 GPA

Graduated from University of Maine School of Law *summa cum laude*; Recipient of Academic Excellence Award

## PUBLICATIONS, PRESENTATIONS, RESEARCH

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North Carolina State University, *Recalling Ethnic Yorkville: The Histories, Heritage Practices, Imaginaries, and Identities of Two Ethnic Communities in One Urban Neighborhood*, Dissertation, defense October 2020

North Carolina State University Graduate Student Research Symposium, Presenter, *All Politics Is Local at the German American Steuben Parade*, March 2019.

*Hudson River Valley Review*, Article, *The Esopus Water War: New York City's Conquest of the Esopus and the Locals Who Contested It*, Volume 34, No. 2, Spring 2018.

North Carolina State University, Presenter, *The Wartime Hyphen: A Brief History of German New York during the World War I Era*, March 2018.

North Carolina State University Graduate Student Research Symposium, Presenter, *Charting the Imperial Flow: New York City's Conquest of the Esopus and the Locals Who Contested It*, March 2017.

North Carolina State University, Presenter, *Gaining Access: A Proposed Framework for Genuine Educational Access to Digital Oral Histories of Vietnam Veterans*, March 2017.

University of North Carolina at Charlotte Graduate History Association Conference, Presenter, *Reason before Revolution: A Contextualized Analysis of Nathaniel Niles's Two Sermons on Liberty*, March 2017.

Greensboro College, Panelist, *Discussion Panel on Police-Community Relations*, April 2016.

University of North Carolina at Greensboro History Department Graduate Student Conference, Presenter, *Gate City Rising, Continuity and Change with Greensboro's Black Liberation Movement of the 1960s*, April 17, 2015.

Ocean and Coastal Law Journal, *Associated Fisheries v. Daley: Is Discretion the Better Part of Judicial Review?*, 1999  
*NFHS Coaches' Quarterly*, Article, *Hiring an Assistant*, Fall 2007.

## LEGAL EXPERIENCE

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### Attorney/Owner, Lechner Law Office, LLC; Freeport, ME

2005-2008

- Owned and operated a solo law practice focused on litigation and alternative dispute resolution; corporate law; wills and trusts; contract law; property law; and election law
- Supervised staff, developed and implemented business and marketing plan and budget

### Attorney, Troubh Heisler Law Firm; Portland, ME

2003-2005

- Managed law practice focused on litigation and alternative dispute resolution; contract law; property law; medical malpractice; sports law; school law; and election law

### Attorney, Verrill Dana, LLP; Portland, ME

1999-2003

- Managed law practice focused on litigation and alternative dispute resolution; construction law; school law; sports law; international law; election law

### Legislative Assistant, Iowa House of Representatives; Des Moines, IA

1996

- Communicated with constituents; wrote speeches; researched legislative issues

## CERTIFICATIONS/LICENSES

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**Licensed Attorney**, State of Maine, 1999-present, State of North Carolina, 2016-present

**Foreign Language Certification, German (reading)**, Fall 2018

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## PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

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**Organization of American Historians, Member**

**American Historical Association, Member**

**Immigration and Ethnic History Society, Member**

**North American Society for Sport History, Member**

**Maine State Bar Association, North Carolina Bar Association, Wake County Bar Association, Member**

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## COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT & UNIVERSITY SERVICE

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NCSU College of Humanities and Arts and Sciences, Scholarship Reviewer, 2022

FRIENDS of the Upper East Side, 2019-present

Campus Toastmasters, Member, 2017-present

Youth Sports Coach (Soccer, Flag Football), 2013-2015

Coastal Waters Commission, Chairman, 2004-2007; Recreation Committee, Town of Freeport, Maine, 2007-2008

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## PUBLIC HISTORY ACTIVITIES

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**Oral Historian, *Driver's License Restoration Project*, North Carolina Pro Bono Resource Center 2020**

- Developed and implemented an interview protocol for use at Driver's License Restoration clinics

**Researcher and Writer, *Drawing Democracy: A History of Gerrymandering in North Carolina*, North Carolina State University 2018**

- Researched legal landscape of recent federal and state gerrymandering litigation
- Co-wrote panel relating to gerrymandering in contemporary North Carolina

**Visitor Evaluation Coordinator, *States of Incarceration* traveling exhibit (Greensboro stop), Humanities Action Lab; New York, NY 2016-2017**

- Drafted a summative visitor evaluation report for the Humanities Action Lab
- Drafted a *Visitor Evaluation Protocol* based on visitor evaluation best practices
- Designed visitor surveys
- Designed survey area of exhibit and supervised student volunteer staff
- Advised other sites on visitor evaluation practices

**Resources Coordinator, *Resist Hate, Klansville USA Teach-In*, North Carolina State University 2016**

- Coordinated with campus law enforcement on security protocol
- Drafted script for presenters
- Researched and drafted guide on fostering civic dialogue relating to difficult issues

**Text Panel Committee, *Nuestra Cooperativa* exhibit, North Carolina State University 2016**

- Drafted text panels for exhibit
- Member of installation team

**Archival Researcher, State of North Carolina Archives, Military Collection; Raleigh, NC 2015-2016**

- Assisted with project designed to digitize oral histories of North Carolina military veterans
- Designed curriculum to provide secondary social studies teachers and students with genuine educational access to digitized oral histories of North Carolina military veterans

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## REFERENCES

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Dr. David A. Zonderman, History Dept. Head  
North Carolina State University  
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Dr. Akram F. Khater, Professor of History,  
Director, Khayrallah Center for Lebanese Diaspora Studies  
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North Carolina State University  
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