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Education

Ph.D., York University, 1997.
M.A., University of Waterloo, 1988.
B.A., University of Waterloo, 1987.

Employment

January, 2006-present
Assistant Research Scientist, Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research
September, 2003 - December, 2005
Research Investigator, Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research
August, 2001- August 2003
Research Fellow, Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research.
July, 2000 - July 2001
Grant Notley Memorial Postdoctoral Fellow, History, University of Alberta.
September 1998- June 2000
Postdoctoral Fellow, History, University of Victoria.
September 1997- August 1998
Instructor, History, Brandon University.

Publications: Book

Sylvester, K.M. *The limits of rural capitalism: family, culture, and markets in Montcalm, Manitoba, 1870-1940* (University of Toronto Press, 2001). 280p.

Publications: Articles and Chapters

Sylvester, K.M., 'Rural to urban migration: finding household complexity in a new world environment,' in Peter Baskerville and Eric W. Sager. eds., *Household Counts: Canadian Households and Families in 1901* (University of Toronto Press, 2006): 147-179.

Sylvester, K.M., S.H. Leonard, M.P. Gutmann, and G. Cunfer, 'Demography and environment in grassland settlement: Using linked longitudinal and cross-sectional data to explore household/agricultural systems,' *History and Computing*. 14: 31-60, 2002 (publ. 2006).

- Sylvester, K.M., Immigrant parents, Ethnic Children, and Family Formation in the Early Prairie West. *Canadian Historical Review*. 84: 585-612, 2003.
- Sylvester, K.M., All Things Being Equal: Land Ownership and Ethnicity in Rural Canada, 1901. *Social History/Histoire Sociale*. 34: 35-60, 2001 (publ. 2002).
- Sylvester, K.M., Household composition and Canada's rural capitalism: The extent of rural labor markets in 1901. *Journal of Family History*. 26: 289-309, 2001.
- Sylvester, K.M., Rural land in the 1901 census: inequality, gender and property. *Historical Methods* 33: 243-6, 2000.
- Sylvester, K.M. 'En part égale': family, inheritance, and market change in a francophone community on the prairies, 1890-1930. *Journal of the Canadian Historical Association*. 8:39-62, 1998.

Manuscripts under review

- Sylvester, K.M., and C.L. Redman, 'Integrating the Biophysical and Social Sciences,' in Max Schnepf and Craig Cox, eds., *Managing Agricultural Landscapes* (Ames, Iowa: Soil and Water Conservation Society 2007), forthcoming.
- Sylvester, K.M., and M.P. Gutmann, 'Dustbowl legacies: long term change and resilience in the shortgrass steppe,' in Charles Redman and David Foster, eds., *Agrarian landscapes in transition* (Oxford University Press), forthcoming.
- Sylvester, K.M., and M.P. Gutmann, 'Changing landscapes across America: A comparative perspective,' in Charles Redman and David Fosters, eds. *Agrarian landscapes in transition* (Oxford University Press), forthcoming.
- Sylvester, K.M. and G.P. Cunfer, 'An Unremembered Diversity: Mixed Husbandry and the American Grasslands,' *Journal of American History*, submitted February 2007.

Papers in Refereed Conference Proceedings

- Sylvester, Kenneth, Susan Hautaniemi Leonard and Myron Gutmann, 'Explaining Agrodiversity: farm systems and family dynamics in the settlement of Kansas grasslands, 1860-1940,' Social Science History Association Annual Meeting, Minneapolis, Minnesota, November 2006.
- Sylvester, Kenneth, 'Ecological Frontiers: changes in farm scale and crop diversity during the settlement of the Kansas grasslands,' Economic History Association Annual Meeting, Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, September 2006.
- Sylvester, Kenneth and Geoff Cunfer, 'An Unremembered Diversity: Mixed Husbandry and the Settlement of the Kansas Grasslands, 1860-1940,' Agricultural History Society Annual Meeting, Boston, Massachusetts, June 2006.
- Sylvester, Kenneth, 'Rural History in Canada: the Prairie West,' Agricultural History Society Annual Meeting, Boston, Massachusetts, June 2006.
- Sylvester, Kenneth, 'Connecting Micro and Macro History: A View from the Prairie West,' Canadian Sociological and Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Congress of Humanities and Social Sciences, Toronto, Ontario, May 2006.
- Sylvester, Kenneth and Geoff Cunfer, 'An Unremembered Diversity: Mixed Husbandry and the Settlement of the Kansas Grasslands, 1860-1940,' European Social Science History Conference, Amsterdam, Netherlands, March 2006.
- Sylvester, Kenneth and Geoff Cunfer, 'An Unremembered Diversity: Crop Diversity and

- Monoculture on the Kansas Frontier,' Social Science History Association, Portland, Oregon, November, 2005
- Sylvester, Kenneth, and Myron P. Gutmann, "Dust Bowl Legacies: Ecological Challenges to Grassland Resilience," Paper presented to Canadian Historical Association Annual Meeting, Congress of Humanities and Social Sciences, Winnipeg, June 2004.
- Sylvester, Kenneth, Susan Hautaniemi Leonard and Myron P. Gutmann, "Demography and Environment in Grassland Settlement: Using Linked Longitudinal and Cross-Sectional Data to Explore Household/Agricultural Systems," Paper presented to the International Micro-Data Access Group Meeting, Montreal, November 2003.
- Sylvester, Kenneth, and Myron P. Gutmann, "Dust Bowl Legacies: Ecological Challenges to Grassland Resilience," Paper presented to Long Term Ecological Research Network All Scientists Meeting, Seattle, September 2003.
- Sylvester, Kenneth, "Natural Capacities: Farm Scale and Cropland Resilience in the U.S. Great Plains," Paper presented to the Social Science History Association Annual Meeting, St. Louis, Missouri, October 2002.
- Sylvester, Kenneth, "In Service of Family: The New Ethnicity of Children's Work in Canada's Prairie West,' Paper presented to the Social Science History Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, Illinois, November 2001.
- Sylvester, Kenneth, "Rural to Urban Migration: A Life Chances Model, Canada, 1901." Paper presented to the Canadian Historical Association Annual Meeting, Congress of Humanities and Social Sciences, Quebec City, Quebec, May 2001.
- Sylvester, Kenneth, "All Things Being Equal: Land Ownership and Ethnicity in Rural Canada, 1901." Paper presented to the Canadian Historical Association Annual Meeting, Congress of Humanities and Social Sciences, Edmonton, Alberta, May 2000.
- "Sylvester, Kenneth, Two Kinds of Independence: The Family Economy and Rural-Urban Migration in the Canadian West." Paper presented to the Social Science History Association Annual Meeting, Fort Worth, Texas, November 1999.
- Sylvester, Kenneth, "Household Composition and Rural Capitalism: Situating Rural Labour Markets and Farm Families in the 1901 Census of Canada." Paper presented to the Canadian Historical Association Annual Meeting, Congress of Humanities and Social Sciences, Sherbrooke, QC, June, 1999.
- Sylvester, Kenneth, "Creating New Vernaculars: Integrating and Ethnicizing Rural Franco-Manitobans in Winnipeg, 1900-1940." Paper presented to the Regional Workshop of the Prairie Centre of Excellence for Research on Immigration and Integration, University of Regina, Regina, Saskatchewan, October, 1998.
- Sylvester, Kenneth, "En part égale: Changing Inheritance Practice in a Francophone Prairiee Community, 1890-1930." Paper presented to the Canadian Historical Association Annual Meeting, Congress of the Social Sciences and Humanities, Ottawa, Ontario, May, 1998.
- Sylvester, Kenneth, "Reluctant Urbanizers: Franco-Manitobans in Winnipeg, 1900-1950." Paper presented to the Winnipeg Immigration History Research Group, University of Manitoba, September, 1997.
- Sylvester, Kenneth, "Farm Credit and Exchange Relations in Montcalm, Manitoba: Sources of Rural Transformation, 1876-1921." Paper presented to the Canadian Historical Association Annual

Meeting, Learned's Congress, St. Catharines, Ontario, May, 1996.

Invited Presentations

- Sylvester, Kenneth and Charles Redman, 'Integrating the Biophysical and Social Sciences,' Paper presented to the Managing Agricultural Landscapes Workshop, Soil and Water Conservation Society, Kansas City, Missouri, October 2006.
- Sylvester, Kenneth and Geoff Cunfer, 'An Unremembered Diversity: Mixed Husbandry and the Settlement of the Kansas Grasslands, 1860-1940,' Paper presented to the Population Institute for Research and Training, Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana, April 2006.
- Sylvester, Kenneth, Sara Gregg, Brian Donahue and Geoff Cunfer, "Dirt Under Our Fingernails: Roundtable on Research in Agricultural and Environmental History," American Society for Environmental History, Houston, Texas, March 2005.
- Sylvester, Kenneth, Susan Hautaniemi Leonard and Myron P. Gutmann, "Demography and Environment in Grassland Settlement: Using Linked Longitudinal and Cross-Sectional Data to Explore Household/Agricultural Systems," Paper presented to the Arpents des Nieges Environmental History Seminar, Ontario Institute for Studies in Education, University of Toronto, Toronto, Ontario, December 2004.
- Sylvester, Kenneth, "Natural Capacities: Farm Scale and Cropland Resilience in the U.S. Great Plains," Paper presented to the 'Census 2000: Data Structures and GIS Applications Workshop,' Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research, Summer Program, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan, June 2004.

Major Grants

- National Institutes of Health, 'Population and Environment in the U.S. Great Plains,' 2007-2012. Investigator. Total direct costs: \$2,000,000.
- National Institutes of Health, 'Demography and Environment in Grassland Settlement,' 2003-2007. Principal Investigator. Total direct costs: \$1,239,065.
- National Science Foundation, 'Agrarian Landscapes in Transition: A Cross-Scale Approach,' 2006-2007. Investigator. Supplement to Subcontract to Arizona State University. Total direct costs: \$58,000.
- National Science Foundation, 'Agrarian Landscapes in Transition: A Cross-Scale Approach,' 2003-2007. Investigator. Subcontract to Arizona State University. Total direct costs: \$201,000.
- National Institutes of Health, 'Population and Environment in the U.S. Great Plains,' 1999-2004. Investigator. Investigator. Total direct costs: \$1,000,000.
- Prairie Centre of Excellence for Research on Immigration and Integration, 'Winnipeg Immigration History', 1997-98. Investigator. Total direct costs: \$97,000.

Academic Honors, Awards, Fellowships

- Grant Notley Memorial Fellowship, University of Alberta, 2000-2001.
- Social Science and Humanities Research Council (Canada), Postdoctoral Fellowship, University of Victoria, 1998-2000.

Scholarly and Professional Activities

Book Prize Committee, Clio Award (Prairies), Canadian Historical Association, 2004-present
 Research Affiliate, Population Studies Center, Institute for Social Research, University of Michigan,
 2004-present

Scientific Committee, International Union for the Scientific Study of Population: Space and Time in
 Historical Demographic Studies Workshop, 2006

Social Science History Association, Co-Chair Rural Network, 2005-present

Reviewer:

*Human Ecology, Canadian Historical Review, Journal of International Migration and
 Integration*, McGill-Queen's University Press

Grant Reviewer:

Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (Canada) Standard Research Grant Program

Undergraduate courses taught

Topics in Canadian History, Seminar.

History of United States since 1865.

History of Canada since 1867

History of Prairie West since 1870

History of Canada

History of United States

Postdoctoral Training

'Structural Equation Modeling,' Center for Statistical Consulting and Research, University of
 Michigan, January 2007.

'Intermediate Hierarchical Linear Modeling,' Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social
 Research Summer Program, University of Michigan, July 2004.

'Structural Equation Modeling,' Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research,
 Summer Program, University of Michigan, July 2003.

'Hierarchical Linear Modeling,' Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research
 Summer Program, University of Michigan, July 2003.

'Introduction to Spatial Analysis,' Center for Spatially Integrated Social Science, University of
 California at Santa Barbara, June 2002.

'Spatial Regression,' Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research Summer
 Program, University of Michigan, August 2002.

'Integrated Assessment, Remote Sensing and GIS,' Center for the Study of Institutions, Population,
 and Environmental Change (CIPEC) Summer Institute, Indiana University, Bloomington,
 Indiana, May 2002.