

Renee M. Laegreid
Professor, History of the American West

EDUCATION

2002 Ph.D., American History, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Lincoln, NE
1994 MA, American Studies, Wesleyan University, Middletown, CT
1982 BA, Washington State University, Pullman, WA

EMPLOYMENT

2015- Professor, History of the American West, Department of History, University of Wyoming, Laramie, WY
2012-2015 Associate Professor, History of the American West, Department of History, University of Wyoming, Laramie, WY
2007-2012 Associate Professor, Department of History, Hastings College, Hastings, NE
Chair of the Department, 2011-2012
2003-2007 Assistant Professor, Department of History, Hastings College, Hastings, NE
1995-2003 Adjunct Instructor, Department of History, Hastings College, Hastings, NE

UNIVERSITY AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICE (Past and Current)

University of Wyoming Faculty Senate Member (current and past member)
University of Wyoming Faculty Association (co-founder and president)
Wyoming Institute for Humanities Research (Steering Committee, Faculty Associate)
Gender and Women's Studies (Advisory Associate, Personal Committee)
A&S Special Tenure and Promotion Committee (appointed by Dean)
Hastings College Presidential Search Committee,
Western History Association
Coalition for Western Women's History (Executive Chair)

PERSONAL STATEMENT

My commitment to shared governance encouraged me to stand for the position of Faculty Senate Chair-Elect. I helped establish the University of Wyoming Faculty Association last semester to provide a venue for faculty to speak up and have their voices heard, given respectful consideration, and incorporated into policy as appropriate. Shared governance is important in good times. But it is critical now as UW faces current fiscal challenges concurrent with a new president and new VPAA. It will affect the course of our institution for years to come. I think I have the personal qualities that allow me to represent the faculty's interests effectively and persistently.

As a relative newcomer to the University of Wyoming, I bring with me a long history of faculty governance and leadership experience. I am active in department, college, and University committees. I developed relationships with colleagues across campus who provide me with valuable and diverse perspectives on budget, administrative, and organizational issues. I understand the imperative to stay true to our Land Grant Mission, and seek to ensure the original intention of that mission is central to major policy decisions in Old Main. As Chair, I will focus my efforts on developing productive relationships between all constituencies: faculty, staff and student senate, upper administration, university trustees and, when necessary, the legislature. I believe it is possible to work through difficult issues together to ensure that faculty interests are represented, so that UW meets its primary obligations of teaching, research, professional service and extension.