

## **Ric A. Dias**

### **Campus Address**

Department of History & Geography  
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### **Education**

Ph.D. in History, June 1995, University of California, Riverside  
Dissertation: “‘Together We Build’: The Rise and Fall of the Kaiser Steel Corporation in the New Deal West.”  
Dissertation Committee: Ronald C. Tobey (Chair), Charles Wetherell and Mark S. Foster (University of Colorado, Denver)  
M.A. in History, December 1990, University of California, Riverside  
Major Field: United States 1776 to present  
Minor Field: Europe 1789 to present  
M.A. in Psychology, June 1986, Humboldt State University, Arcata, CA  
B.A. in Psychology, June 1983, Sonoma State University, Rohnert Park, CA

### **Teaching Experience**

Professor, 2004 –  
Associate Professor, 1999-2004  
Assistant Professor, 1995-1999  
Northern State University, Department of History

#### **Courses Taught**

##### **Upper-division**

United States 1940 to Present  
United States 1890 to 1940  
The Vietnam War  
Twentieth Century Frontier  
The Cold War  
The United States in the 1960s  
History of Rock-n-Roll  
Research and Writing  
The Civil Rights Movement  
The Automobile and the US  
History of South Dakota

##### **Lower-division**

United States 1877 to Present  
United States 1877 to Present (Honors)  
United States to 1877  
United States to 1877 (Honors)

Adjunct Instructor, 1994-1995  
Mission College, Department of Social Sciences, Santa Clara, CA.

Teaching Assistant, 1990-1994  
University of California, Riverside, Department of History

## **Publications**

### **Books**

Ric Dias, *Kaiser Steel of Fontana; "Together we Build,"* (Charleston: The History Press, 2022).

Francis Bradford and Ric Dias, *Hall-Scott: The Untold Story* (Warrendale: SAE International, 2007).

### **Articles**

Ric Dias, "Fighting to Survive," *World War II History* 15 (June 2016): 12-17.

Ric Dias, "They Had Faith in America; Norman deVaux, E.J. Hall and the DeVaux Automobile," *Automotive History Review* 56 (Autumn 2015): 28-39.

Ric Dias, "NSU's Seymour Hall," *South Dakota History* 44 (Winter 2014): 275-303.

Ric Dias, "E. J. Hall's Life of Power," *Automobile Quarterly* 48 (2008): 48-58.

Ric Dias and Francis Bradford, "The Rise and Fall of Hall-Scott, Engine Manufacturer," *Automotive History Review* 43 (Spring 2005): 50-63.

Ric Dias, "Henry J. Kaiser: Can-do Capitalist, 'Government Entrepreneur,' and Western Booster," *Journal of the West* 42 (Fall 2003): 54-62.

Ric Dias, "'Built to Serve the Growing West': Kaiser Steel Corporation, the Federal Government, and Regional Development," *Journal of the West* 38 (Fall 1999): 57-64.

Ric Dias, "The Great Cantonment: The Federal Imperative to Urbanize the Cold War West," Ch. 4 in *The Cold War American West*, Kevin Fernlund, ed., Albuquerque: University of New Mexico Press, 1998.

Ric Dias, "Henry J. Kaiser's Fontana," *California Historian*, 42 (Spring 1996): 7-13.

## **Book Reviews**

Reviews have appeared in *Journal of the West*, *Nevada Historical Society Quarterly*, *South Dakota History*, *Technology and Culture*, *South Dakota Ornithological Union*, and *SAE Journal*

## **Conference Papers**

“Integrating Women into the Workforce at Kaiser Steel, 1942-1983,” presented at the Northern Great Plains History Conference, Augustana College, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, September 30-October 3, 1998.

“The 1972 Kaiser Steel Strike and Intra-Union Conflict,” presented with panel entitled, “Coming to Terms with Diversity: Race, Gender, and the United Steelworkers in Three Cities,” at the North American Labor History Conference, Wayne State University, Detroit, Michigan, October 23-25, 1997.

“Henry Kaiser’s New Deal for the American West,” Annual Conference of the Society for Interdisciplinary Study of Social Imagery, University of Southern Colorado, March 21-23, 1996.

“Southern California’s ‘Machine in the Garden’: Promoting Kaiser Company’s Fontana Steel Mill and the Technological Transformation of the American West,” Annual Conference of the Society for Interdisciplinary Study of Social Imagery, University of Southern Colorado, March 10-12, 1994.

## **Other Presentations and Publications**

Ric Dias, “Meet the Man with the Smile – Henry J. Kaiser,” presented to the A.K. Smiley Public Library, Redlands, California, July 28, 2022.

Ric Dias, “Hercules Motor Manufacturing Company” in “The Preservationist,” Winter 2018, Stark County Historical Society, 1, 4 & 5.

Ric Dias, “NSU’s Seymour Hall,” presented to the Aberdeen branch of the Westerners, Dakotah Prairie Museum, Aberdeen, South Dakota, February 6, 2015.

Ric Dias, moderator comments on panel “Transportation,” Northern Great Plains History Conference, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, October 9, 2014.

Ric Dias, “Giant Tow Trucks of WW II,” American Truck Historical Society National Convention, Colorado Springs, Colorado, June 7-9, 2007.

Ric Dias and Francis Bradford, “When Berkeley Made Aviation Engines; The Hall-Scott Motor Car Company.” Berkeley Historical Society Newsletter, Spring 2006, 1-5.

Ric Dias and Francis Bradford, "No Substitute for Power," *Wheels of Time*, vol. 6, no. 1, January-February 2005, 36-49.

Ric Dias, "Frontiers Revisited, Henry J. Kaiser's New Deal for the American West," presented to the Aberdeen branch of the Westerners, Northern State University, Spring 1999.

Ric Dias, "Can't You Just Give Me Something to Write On? Getting Students to Create Better Paper Topics," *Writing for Learning Journal*, vol. 3, 1998, 102-111. Part of Collaborative K-16 Writing Across the Curriculum Project.

Ric Dias, "*The Wonderful Wizard of Oz* and the America of L. Frank Baum," presented at Oz and Beyond Conference, Northern State University, February 25, 1996.

### **Professional Affiliations**

Society of Automotive Historians  
Pi Gamma Mu  
Phi Eta Sigma  
South Dakota Council on the Humanities  
South Dakota Historical Society

### **Honors and Awards**

NSU Outstanding Honors Faculty Member of the Year, 2003, 2004, 2006  
NSU Library Faculty/Student Collaborative Research Award, 1998, 2003  
NSU Outstanding Student Organization Faculty Advisor, 1998, 2001  
NSU Outstanding Faculty Member, 1998  
NSU Faculty Development Grant, 1996, 1998