

# Curriculum Vita

## Kevin Mark Enns-Rempel

### *EDUCATION*

2012-2015: San José State University, M.L.I.S, 2015.

1982-1984: University of California, Riverside, M.A. in History (Program in Historic Resources Management), 1984. Thesis: Paul Erb: Mennonite Diplomat" (Winner, John Horsch Mennonite History Essay Contest, 1985).

1978-1982: Fresno Pacific College, B.A. in History, 1982. Graduated Magna cum Laude and with Highest Honors in the Social Science Division.

### *EMPLOYMENT*

2012-2025: Director, Hiebert Library, Fresno Pacific University

2010-2012: Interim Director, Hiebert Library, Fresno Pacific University.

1984-2014: Archivist, Fresno Pacific University

1993-2009: Instructor in history, Fresno Pacific University.

1990: Instructor in history, Mennonite Brethren Biblical Seminary.

### *PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS*

#### *Books*

*Fresno Pacific University: The First 75 Years*. Charleston, S.C.: Arcadia Publishing, 2020. (co-authored with Hannah Keeney).

#### *Edited volumes*

*Direction*, vol. 46, no. 1 (Spring 2017): "Essays in Honor of Paul Toews."  
<https://tinyurl.com/5xbx4ayy>

*Architecture, Ethnicity, and Historic Landscapes of California's San Joaquin Valley*. Edited by Karana Hattersley-Drayton, et al. Fresno: City of Fresno Planning and Development Department, 2008. (Winner of a 2008 Preservation Design Award from the California Preservation Foundation and a 2009 Governor's Preservation Award from the State of California).

*For Everything a Season: Mennonite Brethren in North America, 1874-2002*. Edited by Paul Toews and Kevin Enns-Rempel. Winnipeg: Kindred Productions, 2002.  
<https://tinyurl.com/2p9aj7j2>

#### Chapters in books

"The City of Fresno: A Brief History of its Growth and Development." In *Architecture, Ethnicity and Historic Landscapes of California's San Joaquin Valley*. Edited by Karana Hattersley-Drayton, et al. Fresno: City of Fresno Planning and Development Department, 2008.

"The Eucalyptus in California." In *Architecture, Ethnicity and Historic Landscapes of California's San Joaquin Valley*. Edited by Karana Hattersley-Drayton, et al. Fresno: City of Fresno Planning and Development Department, 2008.

"Coming to North America: The Immigrants of the 1870s." In *For Everything a Season: Mennonite Brethren in North America, 1874-2002*. Edited by Paul Toews and Kevin Enns-Rempel. Winnipeg: Kindred Productions, 2002. <https://tinyurl.com/mzr5488b>

"Making a Home in the City: Urbanization of California Mennonites." In *Bridging Troubled Waters: Mennonite Brethren at Mid-Century*. Edited by Paul Toews. Perspectives on Mennonite Life and Thought, no. 9. Winnipeg: Kindred Productions, 1995.  
<https://tinyurl.com/5b5hv89k>

"The Henry J. Martens Land Scheme." In *Anabaptist/Mennonite Faith and Economics*. Edited by Calvin Redekop, Victor A. Krahn, and Samuel J. Steiner. Lanham, Md.: University Press of America, 1993. (Co-authored with Leland Harder).

"A Conference is Born: The Origins of the Pacific District Conference." In *75 Years of Fellowship: Pacific District Conference of The Mennonite Brethren Churches, 1912-1987*. Edited by Esther Jost, et al. Fresno: Pacific District Conference of Mennonite Brethren Churches, 1987. <https://tinyurl.com/27wt5efp>

"A New Life in the West Settlement and Colonization on the Pacific Coast." In *75 Years of Fellowship: Pacific District Conference of The Mennonite Brethren Churches, 1912-1987*. Edited

by Esther Jost, et al. Fresno: Pacific District Conference of Mennonite Brethren Churches, 1987. <https://tinyurl.com/2y454pe4>

### Articles

"Fresno Pacific University: An Historical Overview of 75 Years." *Pacific Journal* 14 (2009): 11-80. <https://tinyurl.com/45srmwdm>

"From the Archives" (historical series appearing in each issue of *Pacific* magazine: 2014-2022). Searchable at <https://tinyurl.com/yfkda65c>

"California Mennonites at the Turn of the Twentieth Century." *California Mennonite Historical Society Bulletin* no. 59 (Spring 2015): 1-2. <https://tinyurl.com/3r4x3z8t>

"The Birds That Asked Me to Come Out and Play." *Pacific Journal* 8 (2013): 58-63. <https://tinyurl.com/yeu2y6er>

"What Might Dirk Have Done?" *Pacific Journal* 4 (2009): 7-10. <https://tinyurl.com/2sckpx4c>

"Churches That Died on the Vine: Short-lived California Mennonite Congregations." *California Mennonite Historical Society Bulletin* no. 49 (Summer 2008): 1-5. <https://tinyurl.com/mvj5huzu>

"Relief Sales: Doing Good, Having Fun." *Mennonite Weekly Review* 86 (April 14, 2008): 6.

"Health, Wealth, and Ministry: An Overview of Mennonite Presence in California," *Mennonite Historical Bulletin* 68 (July 2007): 3-9.

"Jane Marsh Parker & 'The Mennonite in Southern California,'" *California Mennonite Historical Society Bulletin* no. 47 (Spring 2007): 6-9. <https://tinyurl.com/26x6zve8>

"Fresno Historic Overview," in the *Program for the Joint Meeting of the Northern and Southern California Chapters of the Society of Architectural Historians*, Fresno, Calif., 23 October 2004.

"Always a Greener Pasture: Mennonite Settlement in Western North America, 1885-1940." *Journal of the American Historical Society of Germans from Russia* 27 (2004): 28-36. <https://tinyurl.com/4a6ybs7r>

"California In Their Own Words: First-hand Accounts of Early Mennonite Life in the Golden State." *California Mennonite Historical Society Bulletin* no. 29 (October 1993): 1-10. <https://tinyurl.com/ycxmfwfw>

"They Came From Many Places: Sources of Mennonite Migration to California, 1887-1939." *California Mennonite Historical Society Bulletin* no. 28 (May 1993): 1-7.

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"A Merger That Never Was: The Conference of Evangelical Mennonites, 1953-1962."

*Mennonite Life* 48, no. 1(1993): 16-21. <https://tinyurl.com/4h53mttr>

"From Russia With Pedagogy: The Origins of a Mennonite Educational Program in Reedley." *California Mennonite Historical Society Bulletin* no. 27 (November 1992): 1-2, 6-

10. <https://tinyurl.com/rurak7km>

"In Search of the 'Greatest Mennonite Settlement': The Career of Julius Siemens." *California Mennonite Historical Society Bulletin* no. 26 (April 1992): 1-2,6-10.

<https://tinyurl.com/fyk6pf7f>

"The Mennonite Sanitarium at Alta Lorna, California: 1914-1923." *California Mennonite*

*Historical Society Bulletin* no. 25 (November 1991): 1-2, 7-11. <https://tinyurl.com/2jfxp69b>

"The Eymanns: Reedley's 'First Mennonite Family'" *California Mennonite Historical Society*

*Bulletin* no. 24 (April 1991): 6-8. <https://tinyurl.com/4cbws3h2>

"Many Roads to the San Joaquin Valley: Sources of Mennonite Settlement in the Reedley/Dinuba Area." *California Mennonite Historical Society Bulletin* no. 24 (April 1991):

1-5. <https://tinyurl.com/3kc4jj3j>

"Interpretations of Evangelicalism: An Annotated Bibliography." *Direction* 20 (Spring 1991):

67- 71. <https://tinyurl.com/4dh5rw8p>

"Dick, John R." and "Pacific District Conference of Mennonite Brethren Churches." In *The Mennonite Encyclopedia V*. Scottdale, Pa.: Herald Press, 1990.

"Brenneman, John M.," "Coffman, John S.," "Erb, Paul," "Fellowship of Evangelical Bible Churches," "General Conference of Mennonite Brethren Churches," and "Plockhoy, Pieter Comelisz," in *Dictionary of Christianity in America*. Downers Grove, Ill.: Inter Varsity Press, 1990.

"The Siberian Journey of M. B. Fast & Wilhelm P. Neufeld." *Mennonite Brethren Historical*

*Society of the West Coast Bulletin* no. 22 (April1990): 4-6. <https://tinyurl.com/mrzzkk8n>

"The West Coast Mennonite Relief Sale: The 'First' MCC Relief Sale." *Mennonite Brethren Historical Society of the West Coast Bulletin* no. 22 (April1990): 1-3.

<https://tinyurl.com/2fs98h5b>

"Mennonites in the Escondido Valley." *Mennonite Brethren Historical Society of the West Coast Bulletin* no. 21 (December 1989): 3-4. <https://tinyurl.com/99x68dmm>

"The Giffen Mansion: Home of the Mennonite Brethren Biblical Seminary." *Mennonite Brethren Historical Society of the West Coast Bulletin* no. 21 (December 1989): 1-2, 7. <https://tinyurl.com/42xn66cs>

"The Fellowship of Evangelical Bible Churches and the Quest for Religious Identity." *Mennonite Quarterly Review* 63 (1989): 247-264. <https://tinyurl.com/48w9pe25>

"Pacific Bible Institute Once Owned an Architectural Treasure." *Mennonite Brethren Historical Society of the West Coast Bulletin* no. 20 (April 1989): 1-2, 4. <https://tinyurl.com/26env62m>

"The Mennonite Settlement of Dos Palos." *Mennonite Brethren Historical Society of the West Coast Bulletin* no. 19 (April 1988): 3-4. <https://tinyurl.com/3awkemj>

"The Pacific District Conference and CPS: A Reciprocal Relationship." *Mennonite Brethren Historical Society of the West Coast Bulletin* no. 19 (April 1988): 1, 7. <https://tinyurl.com/27nusr2b>

"The Martyr's Mirror: A Message for all Time." *Mennonite Historical Society of the West Coast Bulletin* no. 18 (November 1987): 1-3. Reprinted in *Mennonite Historians of Eastern Pennsylvania Newsletter* 15 (March 1988): 9-11. <https://tinyurl.com/2vf7x7vb>

"Origins of the Pacific District Conference." *Mennonite Brethren Historical Society of the West Coast Bulletin* no. 17 (April 1987): 1-3. <https://tinyurl.com/2257dedu>

"The Paraguayan Diary of Helen Hiebert." *Mennonite Brethren Historical Society of the West Coast Bulletin* no. 16 (March 1986): 1-2, 5-6. <https://tinyurl.com/2tfjceys>

#### Book reviews

Review of *Songs From an Empty Cage: Poetry, Anabaptism, Mystery, and Peace*, by Jeff Gundy, in *Pacific Journal* 11 (2016): 135-137.

Review of *Roots & Branches: A Narrative History of the Amish and Mennonites in Southeast United States, 1892-1992. Volume 1: Roots, 1892-1969*, by Martin W. Lehman, in *Journal of Mennonite Studies* 29 (2011): 277-278.

Review of *First Nations and First Settlers in the Fraser Valley (1890-1960)*, edited by Harvey Neufeldt, Ruth Derksen Siemens and Robert Martens, in *Mennonite Quarterly Review* 80 (2006): 477-479.

Review of *Saints and Sinners: The Kleine Gemeinde in Imperial Russia, 1812 to 1875*, by Delbert F. Plett, in *Mennonite Life* 56 (2001).

Review of *Leaving Anabaptism: From Evangelical Mennonite Brethren to Fellowship of Evangelical Bible Churches*, by Calvin W. Redekop, in *Mennonite Life* 55 (March 2000).

Review of *American Mennonites and the Great War: 1914-1918*, by Gerlof D. Homan, in *Mennonite Life* 51 (1996): 61-62.

Review of *Remembering ... Reaching, a Vision for Service: A Fifty Year History of Fresno Pacific College*, by Joel A. Wiebe, in *California Mennonite Historical Society Bulletin* no. 31 (December 1994): 9-11.

Review of *Apart & Together: Mennonites in Oregon and Neighboring States: 1876-1976*, by Hope Kauffman Lind, in *Mennonite Quarterly Review* 65 (1991): 359-361.

Review of *Hungry, Thirsty, a Stranger: The MCC Experience*, by Robert S. Kreider and Rachel Waltner Goossen, in *Mennonite Life* 44 (December 1989): 29-30.

Review of *The Black Mennonite Church in North America: 1886-1986*, by LeRoy Bechler and *The Hispanic Mennonite Church in North America: 1932-1982*, by Rafael Falcon in *Mennonite Life* 42 (December 1987): 30-31.

Review of *Where We Stand: Statements by Mennonites and Brethren in Christ in Canada, 1787-1982*, ed. by Bert Friesen, *Direction* 16 (Fall1987): 77-78.

#### *Internet World Wide Web sites*

"A Guide to Historic Architecture in Fresno, California." (<http://historicfresno.org>).  
*I created this site in 1996, and have developed and maintained it since that time.*

#### *Papers and presentations*

"Mennonites in California: Beyond the Stereotypes." Presentation to Mennonite(s) Writing Conference VII, Fresno, Calif., 12 March 2015. Also presented to the American Historical Society of Germans from Russia Virtual Conference, July 14, 2021.

"An Introduction to Mennonite History and Genealogical Resources." Presentations to Merced County Genealogical Society (20 March 2010) the Fresno County Genealogical Society (14 September 2010), the Genealogical Society of San Joaquin County (19 October 2010), and the Fresno County Genealogical Society (September 2016).

"'Missing the Point': The Development of Mennonite Brethren Church Building Design in North America, 1880-1960." Paper presented to the California Mennonite Historical Society Annual Meeting, Fresno, Calif., 19 April 2009. Also presented to the Golden Gate Chapter of the American Historical Society of Germans from Russia, Redwood City, Calif., 19 September 2010.

"The Architecture of Fig Garden: Where Tradition and the Modern Meet." Presentation to the Fresno City & County Historical Society Home Tour, Fresno, Calif., 19 May 2007.

"The California Bungalow: More Than Just a House Style." Presentation to the Fresno City & County Historical Society Home Tour, Fresno, Calif., 15 May 2004.

"The City of Fresno: Images of its Growth and Development." Annual presentation to Leadership Fresno, Fresno, Calif., 1999-2016.

"Always a Greener Pasture: Mennonite Settlement in Western North America, 1885-1940." Paper presented to the Oregon Mennonite Historical Society, Albany, Ore., 10 August 1995. Revised versions of this paper were presented to The Conference on Faith and History (Far West Chapter), Fresno, Calif., 6 March 2000, and the American Historical Society of Germans from Russia Annual Convention, Modesto, Calif., 8 July 2004.

"Making a Home in the City: Mennonite Brethren Urbanization in California, 1895-1960." Paper presented at the symposium "North American Mennonite Brethren at Mid-Century (1940-1960)," Fresno, Calif., 4-6 February 1993.

"In Search of Health and Land: Mennonite Settlement in California, 1887-1940." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the California Historical Society, Sacramento, Calif., 17-19 September 1992. Revised versions of this paper were presented to the Fresno Corral of Westerners, Fresno, Calif., 16 April 2003, and PEO International, Fresno, Calif., 23 January 2004.

"Mennonites in the Reedley & Dinuba Area: The Original Settlements (The Reedley Mennonite Brethren Church)." Paper presented to the annual meeting of the California Mennonite Historical Society, Reedley, Calif., 20 April 1991.

"The Mennonite Land Company: Benevolent Resettlement, Free Enterprise or Malicious Fraud?." Paper presented at the conference "Mennonites and Economics: Breaking the Silence," Waterloo, Ont., 24-29 May 1990. Co-authored with Leland Harder.

#### **OTHER PROFESSIONAL INVOLVEMENT**

Member of Executive Committee, California Mennonite Historical Society, 1986-present, and editor of the *California Mennonite Historical Society Bulletin*, 1986-1999.

Member of Local Planning Committee and Editorial Committee for the 2008 Annual Meeting of the Vernacular Architecture Forum, Fresno, Calif., 7-10 May 2008.  
*Served as an editor for the book Architecture, Ethnicity and Historic Landscapes of California's San Joaquin Valley, which was published in conjunction with the conference. Also served as a leader for the conference tours "Building in Adobe in the Central San Joaquin Valley," "Farms, Farm Workers, and Packing Plants," and "Ethnicity in the Central San Joaquin Valley."*

Member of Editorial Advisory Council for *Concise Encyclopedia of Amish, Brethren, Hutterites, and Mennonites*, edited by Donald B. Kraybill (Baltimore: The Johns Hopkins University Press, 2010).

Member of Editorial Council for *Direction*, 2008-present.

#### **AWARDS**

Governor's Preservation Award, State of California, 2009.  
*As an editor for Architecture, Ethnicity and Historic Landscapes of California's San Joaquin Valley.*

Preservation Design Award, California Preservation Foundation.. 2008.  
*As an editor for Architecture, Ethnicity and Historic Landscapes of California's San Joaquin Valley.*

President's Distinguished Service Award, Fresno Pacific University, 2007.

Russell and Pat Fey Memorial Preservationist of the Year Award, City of Fresno, 2006.

John Horsch Mennonite History Essay Contest winner, 1985.  
*For M.A. thesis, "Paul Erb: Mennonite Diplomat."*

#### **COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

Member, Fresno Audubon Society Board of Directors, 1999-2009

Member, City of Fresno Historic Preservation Commission, 1996-2009  
(Served as chair and vice chair of Commission on several occasions).

Member, Jackson Neighborhood Association Executive Committee, 1993-1995.

Member, Beth Anne Harnish Memorial Lecture Committee, 1990-1992.