

*Curriculum Vita*  
Kevin Mark Enns-Rempel

**EDUCATION**

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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**

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

1984-present: Archivist, Center for Mennonite Brethren Studies, Fresno Pacific University

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

**PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS (PARTIAL LIST)**

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*Edited volumes*

*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.

*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.

“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.

“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.

“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.

#### Articles

“Churches That Died on the Vine: Short-lived California Mennonite Congregations.” *California Mennonite Historical Society Bulletin* no. 49 (Summer 2008): 1-5.

“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.

“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.

“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.

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

“A Merger That Never Was: The Conference of Evangelical Mennonites, 1953-1962.” *Mennonite Life* 48, no. 1 (1993): 16-21.

“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.

“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.

- "The Mennonite Sanitarium at Alta Loma, California: 1914-1923." *California Mennonite Historical Society Bulletin* no. 25 (November 1991): 1-2, 7-11.
- "The Eymanns: Reedley's 'First Mennonite Family.'" *California Mennonite Historical Society Bulletin* no. 24 (April 1991): 6-8.
- "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.
- "Dick, John R." and "Pacific District Conference of Mennonite Brethren Churches." In *The Mennonite Encyclopedia V*. Scottsdale, 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 Cornelisz," 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 (April 1990): 4-6.
- "The West Coast Mennonite Relief Sale: The 'First' MCC Relief Sale." *Mennonite Brethren Historical Society of the West Coast Bulletin* no. 22 (April 1990): 1-3.
- "Mennonites in the Escondido Valley." *Mennonite Brethren Historical Society of the West Coast Bulletin* no. 21 (December 1989): 3-4.
- "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.
- "The Fellowship of Evangelical Bible Churches and the Quest for Religious Identity." *Mennonite Quarterly Review* 63 (July 1989): 247-264.
- "Pacific Bible Institute Once Owned an Architectural Treasure." *Mennonite Brethren Historical Society of the West Coast Bulletin* no. 20 (April 1989): 1-2, 4.
- "The Mennonite Settlement of Dos Palos." *Mennonite Brethren Historical Society of the West Coast Bulletin* no. 19 (April 1988): 3-4.
- "The Pacific District Conference and CPS: A Reciprocal Relationship." *Mennonite Brethren Historical Society of the West Coast Bulletin* no. 19 (April 1988): 1, 7.
- "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.
- "Origins of the Pacific District Conference." *Mennonite Brethren Historical Society of the West Coast Bulletin* no. 17 (April 1987): 1-3.

“The Paraguayan Diary of Helen Hiebert.” *Mennonite Brethren Historical Society of the West Coast Bulletin* no. 16 (March 1986): 1-2, 5-6.

*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 presented*

“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.

“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.

### *Conference involvement*

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."

## **OTHER PROFESSIONAL INVOLVEMENT**

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

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).

## **AWARDS**

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Governor's Preservation Award, State of California, 2009.

*For editorial work on Architecture, Ethnicity and Historic Landscapes of California's San Joaquin Valley.*

Preservation Design Award, California Preservation Foundation, 2008.

*For editorial work on 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."*

## **CIVIC INVOLVEMENT**

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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.