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Earned Degrees

University of Virginia, American History, Ph.D., 1987.
The Ohio State University, American History, M.A., 1979.
Florida Atlantic University, History, B.A., 1977.

Educational Employment

University at Albany, SUNY Distinguished Teaching Professor, November 2020-
Professor, 2004 to November 2020 (Chair, September 2007 – December 2013, September 2014 -
- June 2016)
Fulbright Senior Guest Professor, University of Erfurt, Germany, 2004-2005
University at Albany, Associate Professor, 1996-2004
University at Albany, Assistant Professor 1990-1996.
University of New Hampshire, Lecturer, 1988-1990.
Princeton University, Lecturer, 1987-1988.
James Madison University, Instructor, January-May 1987.
Tandem School, Part-Time Faculty, 1986-1987.
University of Virginia, Instructor, June 1983-December 1986.

Fellowships, Grants, and Awards

Grand Marshal, University at Albany, 2022-2023
Collins Fellow, University at Albany, 2016
Individual Development Award, State of New York and United University Professions, 2014.
“Most Influential Person” Honors College Student Award 2013
Distinguished Member, National Society of Collegiate Scholars 2012
Outstanding Achievement Award, Disability Resource Center, University at Albany 2012
Fulbright Senior Scholar Teaching (2004-5) Germany
National Endowment for the Humanities, Summer Stipend, 2003.
Faculty Research Award Program, Grant, University at Albany 2003.
Individual Development Award, State of New York and United University Professions, 2002
Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching, State University of New York, 1998
President's Award for Excellence in Teaching, University at Albany, 1997
Henry Adams Prize for *Shaping the Eighteenth Amendment* from the Society for History in the
Federal Government, 1996.
Selected Speaker at Torch Night by Class of 1996, University at Albany.
Certification of Appreciation, College of Arts and Science for Scholarly Work & Outstanding
Departmental Service, 1994.
Mellon Research Fellow at the Virginia Historical Society, Summer 1990.

Virginia Mason Davidge Fellow, University of Virginia, 1981-1982.
Thomas Jefferson Memorial Foundation Fellow, University of Virginia, 1979-1981.

Scholarly Activities

Books

Murder, Honor, and Law: Four Virginia Homicides between Reconstruction and the Great Depression (University of Virginia Press for the American South Series, 2003, 263 pp.).
Shaping the Eighteenth Amendment, Temperance Reform, Legal Culture and the Polity, 1880-1920 (University of North Carolina Press for the Studies in Legal History series, 1995, 381 pp.). Available as a UNC Press Enduring Edition.

Book forthcoming

“Confronting Racism: Arthur Garfield Hays and Fight for Equality, 1925-1954” at SUNY Press, publication December of 2025 <https://sunypress.edu/Books/C/Confronting-Racism>

Web Publication

Olmstead v. United States: The Constitutional Challenges of Prohibition Enforcement: a unit on *Olmstead v. United States* for the "Teaching the History of the Federal Courts" project of the Federal Judicial Center. Selected edited historical documents and scholarly text.
http://www.fjc.gov/history/home.nsf/page/tu_olmstead_background.html

Edited Volume

Prohibition's Greatest Myths: The Distilled Truth About America's Anti-Alcohol Crusade
Michael Lewis and Richard Hamm, editors, (Baton Rouge: Louisiana University Press, 2020).

Refereed Articles or Chapters

- “Sorting through “the tattered, tawdry decorations of her miserable profession:” what we can learn from a trunk of clothes and a Leghorn hat” with Robin D. Campbell *New York History Journal* 105 (Winter 24/25): 291-306.
- “Race and Relevance: Arthur Garfield Hays and the Integration of the American Bar Association, 1938-1943,” *The American Journal of Legal History* 60 (September 2020), 284-310. <https://doi.org/10.1093/ajlh/njaa011>
- “Lawyers and Judges Utilizing History: a Multifaceted Tool for the Profession,” *Studies in Law, Politics, and Society*, 83 (2020), 1-21 <https://doi.org/10.1108/S1059-433720200000083002>.
- “Crime and Enforcement” in *Prohibition's Greatest Myths: The Distilled Truth About America's Anti-Alcohol Crusade* Michael Lewis and Richard Hamm, editors, (Baton Rouge: Louisiana University Press, 2020), 76-88.
- “I want you to realize how unfair you have been:’ The Cold War’s Effect on the Friendship of Arthur Garfield Hays and C. Fulton Oursler” *American Communist History* 17 (No..3-4 2018), 318-339.
- “The Path Not Taken: Seeking an Administrative Solution in the Flag Salute Controversy, the Sandstrom Case, 1937-1939” *New York History* 98 (Spring 2017): 261-281.

- “Free Speech on the Ground: The Origins of Commercial Speech Doctrine,” *The American Journal of Legal History*, 57 (December 2017), 495-520,
<https://doi.org/10.1093/ajlh/njx022>.
- “The Limits of the Law: A 1943 Case of Anti-Semitism in the Lower Hudson River Valley,” *Hudson River Valley Review* 31 (Spring 2015): 2-15.
- “Short Euphorias Followed by Long Hangovers: The Unintended Consequences of the Eighteenth and Twenty-first Amendments,” in *The Unintended Consequences of Constitutional Amendments*, David Kyvig, Editor, (Athens: University of Georgia Press, 2000), 164-199.
- “Administration and Prison Suasion: Law Enforcement in the American Temperance Movement, 1880-1920,” *Contemporary Drug Problems* 21 (Fall 1994): 375-399.
- “The Killing of John R. Moffett and the Trial of J. T. Clark: Race, Prohibition, and Politics in Danville, 1887-1893,” *Virginia Magazine of History and Biography* 101 (1993), 375-404.
- “The Prohibitionists’ Lincolns,” *Illinois Historical Journal* 86 (Summer 1993): 93-118.
- “Southerners and the Shaping of the 18th Amendment,” *Georgia Journal of Southern Legal History* 1 (Spring/Summer 1991): 81-107.

Unrefereed Articles

- “Mobilizing Legal Talent for a Cause: The National Woman's Party and the Campaign to Make Jury Service for Women a Federal Right,” in *American University Journal of Gender, Social Policy and the Law* 9 (2001): 97-117.
- “The Convoluted State: The Federal System, the Prohibition Movement, and the Liquor Tax, 1862-1920,” *Social History of Alcohol Review* 25 (Spring 1992): 10-27.

Encyclopedia Articles

- “Prohibition” for *American Governance*, Stephen Schechter, Editor, Farmington Hills MI: MacMillian Reference, 2016.
- “Federal Regulation of Alcohol before 1920,” revision of same named article, now put on-line in 2012 in *Alcohol and Temperance in Modern History*, Jack Blocker, et. Al. eds, (New York ABC Clio, 2003), 229-30.
- “Volstead Act” and “Webb-Kenyon Act” in Mark A. R. Kleiman and James E. Hawdon, *Encyclopedia of Drug Policy* (2011), Sage Knowledge, on line,
<http://knowledge.sagepub.com/view/drugpolicy>
- “Prohibition and Temperance” *Princeton Encyclopedia of United States Political History* (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2009): 614-617. Reprinted in *The Concise Princeton Encyclopedia of American Political History* (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2011), 405-408.
- “Arthur Garfield Hays” *Yale Biographical Dictionary of American Law* edited by Roger K. Newman (New Haven: Yale University Press, 2009), 258-259.
- “Prohibition,” *Encyclopedia of the Supreme Court of the United States* David S. Tanenhaus, Editor (New York: MacMillan, 2008).
- “Dispensary in South Carolina” in *The South Carolina Encyclopedia*. Walter Edgar, editor, (Columbia: University of South Carolina Press, 2006).
- “Anti-Saloon League” on 20-21, “Neal Dow” on 139, “Prohibition and Prohibition Party” on 394, and “WCTU,” on 545-46 in Leonard Schlup and James G. Ryan, *Historical Dictionary of the Gilded Age* M. E. Sharpe (Armonk, NY: 2003).

“Federal Regulation of Alcohol before 1920,” in *Alcohol and Temperance in Modern History*, Jack Blocker, et. Al. eds, (New York ABC Clio, 2003), 229-30

"Eighteenth Amendment" in *Oxford Companion to United States History* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2001), 217-218.

“Charles Minor Blackford” at vol 2, 874-875 and “James B. Merwin” at vol 15, 373-374 in *American National Biography* (New York: Oxford University Press, 1998).

“William Day” at 139-140, “Joseph McKenna” at 289-290, and “William Moody” at 327 in *The Supreme Court Justices: A Biographical Dictionary*, Melvin I. Urofsky, Editor, New York: Garland Publishing, 1994.

“Common Law Court” at 171, “In Re Debs” at 221-222, “Shreveport Rate Cases” at 784, “Woodruff v. Parham” at 937-938; and “Yellow Dog Contracts” at 948 in *Oxford Companion to the Supreme Court of the United States*, Kermit, L. Hall, Editor, New York: Oxford University Press, 1992.

Other Publications

“What Prohibition History Tells Us about Returning Abortion to the States,” *History News Network*, June 20, 2022.

“Modern Lost Cause Song,” *The Dead Mule School of Southern Literature*, March 2021
<https://deadmule.com/2021/03/01/richard-f-hamm-essay-march-2021/>

“On Being cited by United States Supreme Court,” *The Points Blog of the Alcohol and Drugs History Society*, January 16, 2020.

Editorial Comment: “Social Reform and Violence: The Case of the American Prohibitionists,” *Journal of Clinical Pharmacy and Therapeutics* 21 (1996): 131-133.

Introduction to *Essays on English Law and the American Experience*, Elisabeth A. Cawthon and David E. Narrett, editors, # 23 Walter Prescott Webb Memorial Lectures, College Station: Texas A & M University Press for University of Texas at Arlington Press, 1994, 3-18.

Book Reviews

Ashley T. Rubin, *The Deviant Prison: Philadelphia’s Eastern State Penitentiary and the Origins of America’s Modern Penal System, 1829-1913* for the *Journal of American History* 110 (2023): 154-55

Brett Gary, *Dirty Works: Obscenity on Trial in America’s First Sexual Revolution* for *Journal of Interdisciplinary History* 53 (2022): 363-65.

Samantha Barbas, *The Rise and Fall of Morris Ernst: Free Speech Renegade* for *History Review of New Books* 50 (2022:) 23-4.

Lisa Lindquist Dorr, *A Thousand Thirsty Beaches: Smuggling Alcohol from Cuba to the South during Prohibition* for *Georgia Historical Quarterly* 104 (2020): 253-54.

Masumi Izumi, *The Rise and Fall of America’s Concentration Camp Law* for *Pacific Historical Review* 89 (Fall 2020): 616-17

Brian Donovan, *Respectability on Trial: Sex Crimes in New York City, 1900-1918* for *New York History* 99 (2018): 478-79.

Lewis L. Gould, *The First Modern Clash Over Federal Power: Wilson Versus Hughes in the Presidential Election of 1916* for *The Historian* 80 (2018): 388-90.

Engel, Jeffrey A., ed., *The Four Freedoms: Franklin D. Roosevelt and the Evolution of an American Idea* (H-FedHist, H-Net Reviews. July, 2017): <http://www.h->

- net.org/reviews/showrev.php?id=49768
- Joseph A. Conforti, *Lizzie Borden on Trial: Murder, Ethnicity, and Gender*, Lawrence M. Friedman, *The Big Trial: Law as Public Spectacle*, and Marcia M. Gallo "No One Helped:" *Kitty Genovese, New York City, and the Myth of Urban Apathy* for *Reviews in American History* 45 (March 2017): 102-8
- Michael Ayers Trotti *The Body in the Reservoir: Murder and Sensationalism in the South* in *Virginia Magazine of History and Biography* 117 (2009): 198-199.
- Brian McGinty *Lincoln and the Court* in the *Journal of American History* 95 (March 2009): 1176
- Joe L. Coker, *Liquor in the Land of the Lost Cause* in the *Journal of Southern History* 75 (2009): 182-183.
- Landis Mackellar, *Double Indemnity Murder* in *The Historian* 70 (Fall 2008): 546-547
- Sharon Hatfield, *Never Seen the Moon: The Trials of Edith Maxwell* in *Journal of Southern History* 72 (2006): 705-6.
- Gaines Foster, *Moral Reconstruction* in *Catholic Historical Review* (October 2007), 996-97
- Karen Woods Weirman, *One Nation, One Blood: Interracial Marriage in American Fiction, Scandal, and Law* on H-Law 8/21/2007
- Robert Asher, et. al. editors, *Murder on Trial* in *Law and History Review* (Summer 2006) 462-3.
- John Johnson, *Griswold v. Connecticut: Birth Control and the Constitutional Right of Privacy* in *The Historian* 68 (2006): 348-9
- Edward Steers, Jr., ed., *The Trial: The Assassination of President Lincoln and the Trial of the Conspirators* for H-Civil War H-civwar@h-net.msu.edu (August, 2006)
- Ellen Tracy, *Alcoholism in America* in *Journal of the American Medical Association* 294 (November 16, 2005): 2505-6.
- Ann-Marie Szymanski, *Pathways to Prohibition: Radicals, Moderates, and Social Movement Outcomes* in *Journal of Interdisciplinary History* 35 (Spring 2005): 666-7.
- Suzanne Lebsock, *A Murder in Virginia* in *The Historian* 66 (2004): 833-4
- James D. Ivy, *No Saloon in the Valley: The Southern Strategy of Texas Prohibitionists in the 1880s* in the *Journal of American History* 66 (2004) 833-4
- Eric Burns, *The Spirits of America: A Social History of Alcohol* in *Journal of the American Medical Association* 291 (May 24, 2004): 2493-4.
- Elizabeth Dale, *The Rule of Justice: The People of Chicago versus Zephyr Davis* in *Journal of American History* 89 (2002): 1074-1075.
- William E. Nelson, *The Legalist Reformation: Law, Politics, and Ideology in New York, 1920-1980* in *Reviews in American History* 30 (2002): 413-418.
- Madelon Powers, *Faces Along the Bar: Lore and Order in the Workingman's Saloon, 1870-1920* in *American Historical Review* 104 (1999): 1311-1312.
- Kenneth M. Murchison, *Federal Criminal Law Doctrines: the Forgotten Influence of National Prohibition* in *Law and History Review* 15 (1997): 413-414.
- John C. Burnham, *Bad Habits*, Kenneth J. Meier, *The Politics of Sin*, Robert L. Rabin & Stephen D. Sugarman, *Smoking Policy* in *Journal of Policy History* 9 (1997): 267-272.
- Randolph E. Bergstrom, *Courting Danger: Injury and Law in New York City, 1870-1910* in *American Journal of Legal History* 38 (July 1994): 383-384.
- W. Fitzhugh Brundage *Lynching in the New South, Georgia and Virginia, 1880-1930* in *Virginia Magazine of History and Biography* 102 (April 1994): 284-285.

- Wilbur Miller, *Revenuers and Moonshiners: Enforcing Federal Liquor Law in the Mountain South, 1865-1900* in *Journal of Southern History* 59 (February 1993): 149-150.
- David Beito, *Taxpayers in Revolt* in *The Register of the Kentucky Historical Society* 88 (Winter 1990): 110-11.
- John J. Rumbarger, *Profits, Power and Prohibition: Alcohol Reform and the Industrializing of America, 1800-1930* in *Social History of Alcohol Review* 21-22 (Spring & Fall 1990): 46-49.
- Philip J. Schwarz, *Twice Condemned Slaves and the Criminal Laws of Virginia, 1705-1865* in *Western University Journal of Law* 17 (Fall 1989): 243-247.

Media Presentations

- Background and Expert commentary for “Bootlegger’s Bungalow,” produced by Elizabeth Ruiz for Scripps, (2020) <https://www.thedenverchannel.com/news/national/bootlegger-bungalow-prohibition-era-whiskey-found-in-new-york-house-during-renovation>
- Expert commentary for radio documentary, *The First Fireside Chats: FDR in Albany*, by Geoffrey Storm for [Cliomedia: University at Albany History and Media Program](http://www.prx.org/pieces/32383-the-first-fireside-chats-fdr-in-albany) (2008) at: <http://www.prx.org/pieces/32383-the-first-fireside-chats-fdr-in-albany>
- Interview on prohibition appears in JAK films “Young Indy Documentaries: Prohibition,” (2007)
- Interview with Alan Taylor for Talking History, “Land and Landholding in Early America” April 15, 2004 <http://www.albany.edu/talkinghistory/arch2004jan-june.html>
- Interview with Annette Gordon Reed, “Law, Race, and Slavery in American History”, April 24, 2003; Aired on Talking History: <http://www.albany.edu/talkinghistory/arch2003jan-june.html>.
- Radio documentary: “Smashing Crime and Campaigning on it: Thomas E. Dewey and the Media.”, July 12, 2001, co-produced with Jane Ladouceur and Elizabeth Redkey. Aired on Talking History. <http://www.albany.edu/talkinghistory/arch2001july-december.html>.
- Interview with Timothy Gilfoyle, “City of Eros,” June 21, 2001; Aired on Talking History: <http://www.albany.edu/talkinghistory/arch2001jan-june.html>.
- Interview with Frances Fitzgerald, “America Revised, Revisited”, September 30, 1999; Aired on Talking History: <http://www.albany.edu/talkinghistory/arch99july-december.html>.
- Panelist: “Impeachment: History and Contemporary Perspectives,” December 10, 1998; Aired on Talking History: <http://www.albany.edu/talkinghistory/arch98july-december.html>.
- Lecture: “Animals and Cannibals on Trial”, September 24, 1998; Aired on Talking History: <http://www.albany.edu/talkinghistory/arch98july-december.html>.

Papers Presented

- “Fugitive from Injustice: Robert Elliot Burns, Media, and Southern Justice in Depression Era United States” at 27 Conference of the International Association for Media and History, Paris France, July 12, 2017.
- “Honor in the Post-Civil War American South: Cultural Holdover or Useful Adaptation?” at the session, Cultural Honor for the conference Honor in Changing Societies, Research Workshop of the Israel Science Foundation, College of Law & Business, Ramat-Gan Israel, 19 June 2016 (by invitation).
- “A Challenge to the Segregated Draft: The Lynn Case and Civil Rights Activism during World War II,” at the session Adjudicating Rights and Interest in a Changing Nation, at the

- conference The Legacy of Charles W. McCurdy, Miller Center and Law School, University of Virginia, November 2, 2015, Charlottesville VA
- “‘Fugitives from Injustice’: Gubernatorial Discretion over Extradition in Depression-Era America,” at the session Discretionary Justice: Patterns and Personalities, Social Science History Association Annual Meeting, Vancouver, British Columbia, November 2, 2012 (read by another panelist as I could not make meeting).
- “A Legal Challenge to the Segregated Draft?,” at the session The Draft: United States and Canada, Public Policy History Conference, Richmond Virginia, June 9th, 2012.
- “The Place of Violence in the New South,” at Culture, Conflict, Consequences: Centennial Seminar Carroll County Courthouse Tragedy of 1912, by invitation, Carroll County Historical Society, Hillsville, VA, March 12-13, 2012.
- “Civil Liberties on the Ground,” at the session The Policies and Practices of Freedom of Expression, Public Policy History Conference, Columbus, Ohio, June 3, 2010
- “Resisting the Segregated Draft: Challenging United States Military Racism during World War II,” Tri University Conference, University of Guelph, Canada, February 25, 2010
- “Alcohol and American Law,” by invitation, Fulbright Lecture Series, American Studies Institute, University of Leipzig, May 3, 2005
- “Defining Virginia and the South: The Murder Trial of James Grant” in the session “Post-Civil War Virginia Identity,” The Douglas Southall Freeman and Southern Intellectual History Conferences, Richmond Virginia February 22, 2002.
- "Mobilizing Legal Talent for a Cause" in the roundtable on Historical Perspectives on Pro Bono Law" Washington College of Law, American University, April 21, 2000 [I] Broadcast over CSPAN.
- “Prohibition,” invited Speaker in the Alcohol and Drugs in American History Seminar at Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green Ohio, October 26, 1999.
- "Legal Control of Liquor in the United States Before National Prohibition" at the session "Law and Dangerous Stuff," American Society for Legal History Annual Meeting, October 23, 1999, Toronto.
- "The Lesson of Failure: The National Woman's Party and the Effort to Make Jury Service a Federal Right" at the Session "Gendered Rhetoric and the Court System in Early 20th Century United States," Law and Society Annual Meeting, May 28, 1999.
- "The 18th and 21st Amendments and the American Constitutional System" at the session "Article V of the U. S. Constitution: The Original Understanding and Subsequent Practice," American Society for Legal History Meeting, Seattle, October 23, 1998.
- "Press Coverage of Sensational Murder Trials in Virginia 1868-1937" at "Media History Conference," London, England, July 8, 1998.
- "A History Web Site: American Lawyers and Federal Liquor Prohibition," at the Session “History and Multimedia: Exploring New Pedagogical Paradigms,” at Conference on Instructional Technologies, Cortland, New York, May 28, 1998.
- “The Prohibitionists and Violence” at the Session “American Prohibition: Enforcement and Violence” of the Alcohol and Temperance History Group Meeting associated with American Association for the History of Medicine, Pittsburgh, May 11, 1995.
- “Administration and Prison Suasion: Means and Ends in the American Temperance Movement, 1880-1920” at the Session “American Temperance Reform in the 19th and Early 20th Centuries,” International Congress on the Social History of Alcohol, London, Ontario, 1993.

- “Lincoln in the Prohibitionists’ Mind” at the Session “Symbolic Dimensions of Temperance Reform,” International Congress on the Social History of Alcohol, London, Ontario, 1993.
- “The Killing of the Rev. Moffett: The Politics of Power in Danville” at the Session “Crime and Community in Danville, Virginia, 1883-1930,” Southern Historical Association Meeting, Atlanta, Georgia, 1992.
- “The Convoluted State: The Federal System, the Prohibition Movement, and the Liquor Tax, 1865-1920” at the session “The State, Liquor, and Prohibition, 1865-1933,” Alcohol and Temperance History Group Meeting, Chicago, Illinois, 1991.
- “The State Goes into Liquor Selling: the South Carolina Dispensary, 1896-1916” at the session “Reform and the Politics of Race in the Post-Reconstruction South, 1879-1920,” American Historical Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, Illinois, 1991.
- “Southern States’ Liquor Policies and the Federal Tax System, 1880-1920” at the session “Moonshiners, Prohibitionists, and Outlaws: Law and Resistance in the New South,” Southern Historical Association Annual Meeting, Norfolk, Virginia, 1988.
- “Leaking at the Seams: Prohibition and the Federal System” at the session “Federalism and Regulation: the Late Nineteenth Century,” Organization of American Historians Annual Meeting, Washington, District of Columbia, 1987.

Other Sessions Roles

- Chair, “Female Killers in the 20th Century: Gender, Modernity, and Punishment in Comparative Perspective,” American Historical Association Annual Meeting, New York, New York, January 3, 2020
- Chair and Commentator, “Activism and Social Issues in 1970s New York City,” Researching New York Conference, November 23, 2019, Albany, New York
- Chair and Commentator, “Order and Disorder in Early New York -- Evidence from court Records,” Researching New York Conference, November 16, 2018, Albany, New York
- Chair and Commentator of Roundtable “Bill Rorabaugh’s Prohibition: A Concise History,” Policy History Conference, May 18, 2018, Tempe, Arizona
- Chair and Commentator, “Criminals and Citizens: A Regional Study of Reactions of Alcohol Polices in the American South during the late 19th and early 20th Centuries,” at the Biennial Conference of the Alcohol and Drug History Society, June 24, 2017, Utrecht, The Netherlands
- Chair and Commentator, “Constructions of Race and Identity,” Phi Alpha Theta Central New York Conference, April 29, 2017, Oneonta, New York
- Chair and Commentator, “Educating New Yorkers,” Researching New York Conference, November 18, 2016, Albany, New York
- Chair, Roundtable Discussion: “The Future of the History Major,” at New York State Association of European Historians Annual Meeting, Albany, New York, October 1, 2016
- Chair and Commentator, “Antebellum New York,” Researching New York Conference, November 20, 2015, Albany, New York
- Panelist: The Ages of American Legal History: A Roundtable in Honor of Professor Charles W. McCurdy, American Society for Legal History, Annual Meeting, October 31, 2015, Washington, DC

Chair and Commentator, "Crime, Scandal, and Identity," Researching New York Conference, November 20, 2014, Albany, New York

Chair and Commentator, "The Infamous 'blood accusation' Trial of Mendel Beilis," Researching New York Conference, November 14, 2013, Albany, New York.

Lecturer and Discussion Leader, "Olmstead v. United States," 2013 Summer Institute for Teachers: Federal Trials and Great Debates in United States History, American Bar Association Division for Public Education and Federal Judicial Center, Washington, D.C., June, 2013, June 2014.

Keynote talk, "I am a Fugitive from a Chain Gang and the Legal Order in 1920s and 1930s United States," 24 Annual Roger W. Sullivan History Conference for Advanced Placement Students, Smithtown School District, Smithtown New York, May 22, 2013.

Comment at the session, "Intersections, Legal and Political," Researching New York Conference, November 17, 2011, Albany, New York.

Chair of the session "Liquor Regulation," at 5th Global History of Alcohol and Drugs, June 27, 2009, Glasgow, Scotland.

Chair and Commentator, at the session "Crime, Communities, and Incarceration," for New York Historical Society Annual Meeting, Saratoga Springs, NY, June 6, 2008

Chair and Commentator at the session "Newspapers, Film and the Shaping of Public Opinion at the Researching New York Conference, Albany, NY, November 16, 2007

Lead discussion on Buck v. Bell and the Olmstead case for Institute for Constitutional Studies: Interdisciplinary Summer Workshops for College Instructors who teach (or would like to teach) undergraduate courses on the Constitution. University of Albany, July 12, 2007

Chair and Commentator as the session, "A Matter of Policy" Researching New York Conference, Albany, NY, November 17, 2006

Keynote by invitation, Teaching Public Policy: A Historian's Approach" Erfurt School of Public Policy, February 14, 2005

Chair and Commentator, at the session "American Criminal Justice in the Early 20th Century" American Society for Legal History, 2000 Meeting, Princeton, New Jersey.

Commentator, "New York State Local Histories, Methods and Sources," at Researching New York Conference, Albany, NY November 19, 1999.

Chair, "Voicing New York: Multimedia Approaches to New York State History" at Researching New York Conference, Albany, NY November 19, 1999.

Work Shop Leader, "The History and Media Initiative" 6th International Conference Computers in the History Classroom, July 2, 1999, Saratoga, New York.

Chair, "Federalism and the State in Early 20th Century America, Three Case Studies," at the Policy History Conference, St. Louis New York, May 29, 1999.

Chair and Commentator at the Session "U. S. and Canadian Perspectives on a More Compassionate Citizenship: Liberal Evangelicalism, the WCTU, and Pacifism," Organization of American Historians Annual Meeting, San Francisco, April 17, 1997

Teaching:

Albany Courses.

History 100, American Social and Political History until 1865

History 101, American Social and Political History from 1865

History 290, Topics In United States History, Crime and Society in the American Past

History 292, Trials in History (now Trials in United States History)
 Honors History 292 Trials in United States History
 History 327, Roles of Law in American History
 History 328, Lawyers in American Life
 History 395, The Historians Craft
 History 480, Colloquium in United States History.
 History 489z, Senior Research Seminar
 History 507, History and Policy
 History 600, State and Society, retitled, Colloquium on the Theory and Practice of History
 History 603/630, Readings in American and Public Policy History
 History 603, Readings in American History
 History 609/631, Seminar in American and Public Policy History
 University 350, Law and Life (co-taught)

Erfurt Courses

Crime, Law and Society in American History
 The American South
 Civil Liberties in United States History
 The Birth of Modern America

Current Dissertation Directing Chairing

Robert Beach, "Consuming Knowledge: Industrial, Medical, and Recreational uses of Cannabis in New York City, 1870-1940"
 Tricia Barbagallo, "The Poor in Early National Albany"
 Nicholas Thony, "Lifting the Political Fog: People, Power, and Antislavery Politics in Upstate New York"
 Matthew DeLaMater, "Thomas Cole: Art in the Adirondacks"

Directed Dissertations Completed: (* winner of college dissertation award)

Joanne Barker, "The Changing Nature of the Judiciary in Antebellum New York" (2023)
 Kevin Ingraham, "'True Principles of Liberty and Natural Right': the Vermont State Constitution and the American Revolution" (2018)
 Josie Madison, "The Education of Thomas Sweeny: A Case Study of Education for the Poor in New York, 1825-1945" (2017)
 Elke Hof-Kenyon, "A History of Forensic Science in the State of New York" (2017)
 Theodore Marotta, "Defending God: Thomas Paine's Last Crusade and the Contest Over His Memory" (2015)
 Alice Malavasic, "F-Street Mess: Southern Power in the antebellum Senate and the passage of the Kansas-Nebraska Act" (2014) Revised and published as *The F Street Mess: How Southern Senators Rewrote the Kansas-Nebraska Act* University of North Carolina Press (2017)
 Elizabeth Redkey, "For the Improvement of the Breed of Horse: Thoroughbred Racing and National Security in the Age of Horsepower, 1776-1945" (2014).
 Mariah Adin, "The Supreme Adventure: Brooklyn's Thrill-Kill Gang and Mid-Century Juvenile Justice" (2013) Revised Manuscript published by Praeger Press under the title: *Brooklyn Thrill-Kill Gang and the Great Comic Book Scare of the 1950s*. *

John Evers, "Investigating New York: Governor Alfred E. Smith, the Moreland Act, and Reshaping New York State Government" (2013).

Joy Getnick, "The Drinking Age Debates" (2011).

Michael J. McCarthy, "The Battle of Five Forks in Civil War Historiography: The Quest for Honor" (2010). Revised and published as *Confederate Waterloo* Savas Beatie, 2017

Young-In Oh, "As if it Were a Land of Language Diversity: Struggles over Immigrants' Language, 1917 -1966" (2008). Revised and published as *Struggles Over Immigrants' Language* LFB Scholarly Publishing, 2012.

Susan Goodier, "The Other Woman's Movement: Anti-Suffrage in New York State, 1865-1932." (2007) revised and published as *No Votes for Women: the New York State Anti-Suffrage Movement*, University of Northern Illinois Press, 2012.

Lauren Kozakiewicz, "Political Episodes, 1890-1960: Three Republican Women in 20th Century New York State Politics" (2006) * expanded and published as *Ladies Day at the Capitol: New York Women Legislators, 1919-1997*, SUNY Press, 2023.

Joanne Hurlbut, "Shaker Children: their Lives, Literatures and Literacies" (2004).

William Rainbolt, "Images of Journalism in American Films, 1946-1976" (2004). *

Laura Wittern Keller, "Freedom of the Screen: the Legal Challenges to State Film Censorship, 1915-1981" (2003) revised and published *Freedom of the Screen: Legal Challenges to State Film Censorship, 1915-1981* University of Kentucky Press, 2008. *

Tod M. Ottman, "'Government that has both a Heart and a Head': The Growth of New York State Government during the World War II Era," (2001). *

Paul Frazier, "Prohibition in Philadelphia: Bootleg Liquor and the Failure of Enforcement," (2001).

Andrew W. Arpey, "The Van Nest Killings and the Trial of William Freeman: Insanity, Politics, and Race in Antebellum New York," (2000). revised and published as *The William Freeman Murder Trial: Insanity, Politics, and Race* Syracuse University Press, 2003.

Dissertation Panels Serving on as Reader (student past prospectus)

Brian Keough, "From Settlement House to Social Justice: The Policy and of Public Housing and Urban Renewal in Rochester, New York, 1940-1970" (Chair Professor Carl Bon Tempo)

Joni Christel, "Decay of a Nation": Gender and Chinese Immigration in the United States, 1850-1946. (Chair Professor Carl Bon Tempo)

Keita Okuhiro, "The Hidden Politics of National Defense: the War Department, Congress, and the President, 1939-41 (Chair: Professor Carl Bon Tempo)

Minkyong Park, "American Identity in the 1939-40 New York World's Fair" (Chair: Professor Carl Bon Tempo)

Elizabeth Tatum, "Insolvent Debtors in Dutchess County, 1775-1827," (Chair: Professor Maeve Kane)

Shawn Maher, "Sensory Hygiene: Perceptions of Public Health in the Sensory Environment of the Hudson Valley, 1865 - 1940" (Chair Professor Kendra Smith-Howard)

Masters of Arts Theses Directed

Nicholas Soares, "The Cockburn Case and Challenging the Conception of Race in Westchester" (2015)

Anne Oboyski, The Chautauqua School of Nursing (2006)

Robert H. Quinn II, "The Advent of the United States Numbered Highway System, Interstates, and New York State Thruway: American Road Building Policy and Design, 1900-1950 (2005)

Jan Han, "The National Women's Party and Struggles against the Ban of Federal Employment of Couples, Section 213 of the Economy Act" (2004)

Joseph M. Balducci, "Defending our Community: Rural School Centralization in New York State, 1915-1930" (2003)

Molly A. Guptill, "Arthur Cheney Train: His Life and Contribution to Reform, 1875-1945" (2002)

Ann Farrell, "Janice Day: the Stratemeyer Social Series" (2002)

Gina M. Rachmaninoff, "Eugenic Movement: the Immigration Law of 1924 (1998)

John Evers, "The 1905 Armstrong Insurance Investigation (1998)

David M. Voss, "The Rapp-Coudert Investigation and the Secret Lives of Academic Communists at New York's Public Colleges (1996)

Gail Sprague, "Clarence Darrow and the Campaign to Abolish Capital Punishment (1995)

Jeffrey Steele, "The Rise and Fall of the Fairfield Medical College" (1995)

Brian Smith, "Nelson C. Brown: A Career in Forestry" (1995)

Sean T. Moore, "National Prohibition in Northern New York" (1995)

Marvin Birnbaum, "The Prohibitionist Mentality" 1991.

Masters of Arts Theses Second Reader (completed)

William Meredith, "The Manumission Decision: An Examination of Albany, NY Slaveholders, 1799-1827" (2014)

Alexandra Prince, "Stripiculture Science: Guided Human Propagation and the Oneida Community" (2014)

Willow Nolland, "Back to the Land Movement in St. Lawrence County New York," (2013)

James Finelli, "Exceptional and in Excess of my Proper Authority:" The Virginia Freedmen's Bureau, Religion, and the Independent Black Church (2009)

David Jones, "An Unusual Case: Day Shay, Clarence Euell, Gertrude Anderson and the limits of Hoosier Progressivism (2007)

Tricia Barbagallo, "Poor, Destitute, and Legally Entitled: The Paupers of Albany, New York, 1686 to 1800" 2005

Michael Newman, "Spotlight on Malverne: The New State's Racial Interlude in a Suburban Long Island School District, 1963-68 (2003)

Jan McCormick, "Desperados, Sexual Deviants and Social Outcasts: The Benevolent Reformation of South Dakota's Youth, 1888-1940" 2003

Stephanie Van Allen, "Of Familiar Shade but Outlandish Tongue: Cape Verdean Immigrants in America (2000)

Patrick Fortunato, "Brief History of Hip Hop: A New York Perspective (2000) – a multimedia thesis

Gray Whaley, "Senecas, Salamanicans, and Statesmen: The Allotment fight, 1887-1892 (1995)

Jennifer Ambrose, "The Strange-Whipple case: Murder and Society in Albany New York, 1822 (1994)

Roxann Clark, "Black Women and the History of the Suffrage Movement" (1993)

Service

Departmental

Member of promotion Committee, Professor Sheila Curran Bernard, 2023-24
Phi Alpha Theta Faculty Sponsor, 2016 to date
Recreational Swim Club Faculty sponsor, 2022 to date
Member Undergraduate Committee, 2021-to date
Member Graduate Committee, 2019 to 2020
Member Undergraduate Committee, 2016-2019
Long Range Planning Committee, 2016 to 2018
Persico Prize Committee, 2020
Fossieck Prize Committee, 2019
Member of Search Committee, Environmental History 2006-7
Undergraduate Director, 2006-2007
Member Promotion Committee for Professor Taylor, 2006
Member Undergraduate Committee, 1990-1991, Fall 1991, 1995-1996, Spring 1996, 2001-2002, 2002-2003, 2003-2004.
Member Long Range Planning Committee, 1993-1994, Fall 1994, 1995-1996, Spring 1997, 1997-1998, 1999-2000, 2001-2002, 2003-2004, 2006 to date.
History and Media Committee, 1997-2004.
Chair United States 20th Century History Search, 2002-2003.
Member of Promotion Committee for Professor Zahavi, 2001-2002.
Member US 19th Century Search Committee, 2000-2001.
American History General Education Planning Ad Hoc committee, 2000-2001.
Member Graduate Committee, 1992-1993, 1999-2000, 2000-2001.
Director of Graduate Studies, 1997-1998, 1999-2000.
Chair of Promotion for Professor Zelizer, Spring 2000.
Ad Hoc Committee for Discretionary Raises, sporadic 2000-2022.
Chair 20th Century US Search Committee, Spring 1996.
Promotion Committee for Professor Reedy, Fall 1995.
Director of Undergraduate Studies, Spring 1992, Fall 1994, Fall 1995, 2006-2007.

College and University

Member, University, Grand Marshall Selection Committee (2021-to date) Member, College of Arts and Science Review Committee (Fall 2023-Spring 2024)
Member, Selection Committee for New York State Assembly and Senate Internships (Fall 2023)
Member Lecturer II Promotion Review Committee (2021-2024)
Member Commencement Speaker Advisory Panel (2022-)
Member Honorary Degree Committee (2022-to date)
Member Committee on Promotion and Continuing Appointment (Sept. 2021-to May 2022)
Member Evaluation Committee, Patricia Stocking Brown Award, Spring 2020
Panelist, Chairs' Retreat, College of Arts and Science, August 23, 2019
Torch Night Selection Committee, 2016 to date
Member Collins Fellow Section Committee, 2019 to date
Member Selection Committee for Academic Service Excellence Award, 2018, 2019

Member, College of Arts and Sciences Tenure and Promotion Review Committee, 2017-18, 2018-19

Member Oversight Committee, Implementation committee on Part-time and Contingent Faculty and Professional Staff Compensation, Provost's Office, 2016

Member Ad Hoc task force on Legal Studies minor, 2015-2017

Member President's Advisory Council on the Prevention of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse and Related Risk Behaviors, Fall 2016 to date

Member Faculty Student Engagement Award (Torch Night Professor) Selection Committee, 2016 to date

Co-coordinator, Phi Beta Kappa Speakers' series, 2016-2017

Reviewer, Presidential Innovation Fund for Research and Scholarship, 2015, 2016

Member CAS on-line Learning task force, 2014-2015

Participant in Food for Finals, December 11, 2013

Member On-Line Teaching and Learning Taskforce, 2013

Member of Strategic Plan Implementation Group, Graduate Education, 2011-2012

Member Strategic Planning Task Force, Graduate Education, Spring 2010

Member of the Governing Board, Honors College, 2008-10

Member of the Graduate Student Support Review Body (Doctoral Reviews)

Ad Hoc NEH Summer Stipend Review 2008, 2009

Member of University General Education Committee, 2003 to 2004.

Member of University General Education Assessment Committee for American History Spring 2003.

Nominating Committee of College Council 2000-2002.

College Council, 2000-2002.

Grievance Board of College, Spring 2000.

Picturing Criminal Body, Exhibit Advisory Committee 1999-2000.

Benevolent Awards Committee 1999-2000.

Chair of Committee on Arts and Science Strategic Plan Committee, 1998-1999.

Member College Committee on Graduate Student Recruitment and Retention, 1997-1998.

Chair of College (CSBS) Academic Committee, 1992-1993.

Representative to College (CSBS) Council, Spring, 1991.

Member of the College (CSBS) Grievance Committee, 1990-1991.

Public events at the University

Panel Commentator, "Say What? A Conversation about Freedom of Speech," Conversations for Change, Office of Diversity and Inclusion, November 13, 2018,

Panel Speaker at "U. S. Constitution: Challenges Confronting We the People Today," September 17, 2018

Panel Speaker at Development Opportunities for New Chairs, October 9, 2017.

Panel Speaker at Roundtable: "'You Will Not Replace Us' Why Teaching and Understanding the American Past is More Important Than Ever, September 28, 2017.

Panel Speaker at Roundtable: The US Constitution in Crisis, September 18, 2017.

Moderator, Panel Discussion: "U.S. Supreme Court Associate Justice Sonia Sotomayor: Her Opinions / Your Life," for Law School and UAlbany Affiliation, March 29, 2017

"What the Sacco and Vanzetti Case Meant to One Legal Liberal," for Justice & Multiculturalism in the 21st Century Series, School of Criminal Justice, February 21, 2017

Panelist for “Networking and Building Collegial Relationships,” for Tenure Trek Series, Provost Office. September 2016

Panel Speaker, Doctoral Student Discussion Forum for the Humanities, sponsored by the University Libraries, October 14, October 17, 2016

Panel Speaker, Doctoral Student Discussion Forum for the Humanities, sponsored by the University Libraries, February 15, 2016

Panel Speaker, Doctoral Student Discussion Forum: Navigating Doctoral Programs, sponsored by the University Libraries, October 6, 2015

“How and Why I Became a Historian and What it Might Mean to You,” Phi Alpha Theta History Honor Society, Chi Delta chapter, 35th Annual Lecture, April 17, 2015

“Freedom of Speech on the Ground: NYC, 1940,” Honors College Talk, April 15, 2015

“Freedom of speech on the Ground, New York City, 1940, College of Arts and Sciences, 12th Annual, Dinner, November 4, 2014

Discussion leader on “I am a Fugitive from a Chain Gang,” for the Justice and Multiculturalism in 21st Century Lecture and Film Series, School of Criminal Justice, March 7, 2013, University at Albany

Introduction and discussion leader of film, “Compulsion” for PAT at the Movies, University at Albany, April 6, 2010

Panel Speaker, Campus Visitation Program for McNair Scholars, June 3, 2009

“Cannibal and Animal Trials: What Trials Can tell Us About the Past,” Honors College Talk, November 2008

Participant in Teaching American History at Suny Forum, 2001-2002.

Moderator Pre-Law Forum, University at Albany Lawyers Association, October 28, 1999.

Moderator Pre-Law Forum, University at Albany Lawyers Association, October 28, 1999.

Discussion Leader First-Year Students’ Reading Program 1994.

Guest Lecture for Donald Biggs, “Rules for Class Citizenship and Civility,” Social Morality and Citizenship Education, December 8, 1993.

Discussion Leader First-Year Students’ Reading Program 1993.

Leader of Faculty Orientation for First-Year Students’ Reading Program 1993.

Participant in History Department Roundtable on the historical context of the 1992 Presidential Election, November 10, 1992.

“So You Want to be a Lawyer?” to University Pre-Law Club, University at Albany, May 7, 1992.

Professional

Manuscript Reviewer: Ohio University Press, University of Kentucky Press, University of Georgia Press, University Press of America, Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, Fordam University Press, State University of New York Press, Norton, New York University Press, *Journal of Policy History*, *Law and Social Inquiry*, *Law and History Review*, *Law and Society Review*, *the Historian*, *Social Science History*, *Virginia Magazine of History and Biography*, *Peace and Change*, *Journal of American History*, *American Political Thought*, *Journal of Southern History*, *Social History of Medicine*, *American Journal of Legal History*, *Social History of Alcohol and Drugs*.

Editorial Boards: *Social History of and Drugs*, 1999-2003, 2010-2020; *Journal for Multi-Media History*, 1998-2003.

Executive Board, Drug and Alcohol History Society 2003-2020

Outside Evaluator: Bennington College (2002) University of Exeter (UK, 2019; Colgate University, 2023).
Reviewer: SUNY Faculty Diversity Program, 2012, 2013
Conference Organization: Local Arrangements Committee, National Council on Public History, Albany, New York, 1996; Conference Coordinator, Researching New York, Albany, New York, 1999-2003, 2006-to 2020
Executive Secretary of Alcohol and Temperance History Group, 1992-1995.

Community

The Controversial Insanity Defense in American History, a course for Albany Lifelong Learning Institute, Spring 2025
Lecture: "So you want to be a lawyer," to New York Assembly Internship Program, Albany New York, April 23, 2024
Panelist: A Brief History of Legal Ethics, New York Assembly Continuing Legal Education Program, Albany, New York, December 12, 2021.
Lecture: "What Prohibition Means a 100 years after its Adoption," Guilderland Public Library, Guilderland, New York January 17, 2020.
Lecture: "The Prohibition Era, a Confusing and Misunderstood Time," Adirondack History Museum, Elizabethtown, New York, June 27, 2019.
Lecture: "Prohibition's Greatest Myth," Albany County Historical Society, Ten Broeck Mansion, Albany New York, June 17, 2019.
Lecture: "Olmstead v. United States: the 4th Amendment Challenges of Prohibition Enforcement in the Early 20th Century," as part of the Seminar, "The Use and Abuse of the Fourth Amendment in Law Enforcement and Domestic Surveillance." The Fourth Annual Constitutional Institute at George Washington's Mount Vernon (by invitation) for Virginia Continuing Legal Education of the Virginia Law Foundation, Mount Vernon, Virginia, September 20 and 21, 2018.
Lecture, "Murder at Cherry Hill" to the Northern District of New York Federal Bar Association retreat, Lake Placid, NY September 14, 2017.
Big Trials in American History, a course for Bethlehem Humanities Institute for Life Long Learning, Spring 2017.
Faculty Reference for Ossining High School students historical research class, 2016-2017
Talk "Freedom of Speech on the Street" in the Spring Sampler series for the Bethlehem Humanities Institute for Life Long Learning, April 2, 2014.
"The Jewish Civil Libertarian: Arthur Garfield Hays," Jews Along the Hudson, sponsored by the Center for Jewish Studies, University at Albany and New York Civil Liberties Union, Clifton Park Library, February 16, 2012.
Participant in forum on the alcohol drinking age, Public Policy Forum Mohonsen High School, January 15, 2010.
Participant in the UAlbany/Albany High School Alliance Teach Together, October 24, 2007.
"The Prosecutor and the Showgirl, Gender Issues in the Harry Thaw Trials" University of Erfurt public lecture, June 27, 2005.
"Public Regulation of Morality and Speech in the 19th and 20th Century: two Case Studies" Teaching of American History Project, Upstate New York American History Education Alliance, October 29, 2003.
OASIS (Older Adult Services and Information Systems) of Albany, March 4, 2003.

Short Course, "The Insanity Defense in American History," for OASIS (Older Adult Services and Information Systems) of Albany, March 2002.

Talk: "The Prosecutor and the Show Girl," Mamaroneck Library, December 13, 2001

Speaker for New York Humanities Speaker Program (2000-2002), "The Prosecutor and the Show Girl".

Co-organizer of the Political History Lectures, Albany Heritage year, 2002.

Judge of 4th District American Legion Oratorical Contest, January 23, 1999.

Alumni Tour leader, Hyde Park, November 11, 1998.

Courses offered through Bethlehem School District Humanities Institute for Life Long Learning (Lawyers in American Life and Trials in History, (1997, 1998).

Dorothy Parker, Lecture and Discussion, Keane Valley Library, New York in "American Century Library Series," September 28, 1994.