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Education

University of Minnesota: Ph.D. & M.A. Mass Communication
Brown University: M.A, American Civilization
Swarthmore College: B.A., History

Academic Positions

Professor, Journalism Program, Communication Department, University at Albany (since September 2004; Director, Journalism Program (September 2017-September 2020; September 2008-June 2015).

Professor (1997-2004), Associate Professor (1988-1997), Assistant Professor (1983-88), School of Journalism and Mass Communication, University of Minnesota-Twin Cities.

Adjunct faculty member, Program in American Studies, University of Minnesota-Twin Cities, 1985-2004 (serving on Ph.D. & M.A. student committees and policy committees).

Assistant Professor, Department of Journalism, University of Rhode Island (Kingston), 1982-83.

Research Interests

Communication and journalism history, especially the history of alternative periodicals; literary aspects of journalism.

Teaching Interests

Communication and journalism history; literary aspects of journalism; communication and society; journalism ethics

Professional Journalistic Experience

Book reviewer, Catholic News Service (international distribution), since 1983 (reviewed more than 275 books).

Free-lance and on-assignment writer (and sometimes photographer) for more than 50 consumer and trade magazines and newspapers, including the *Albany Times Union*, *Americana*, *Christian Science Monitor*, the *Christian Century*, *Commonweal*, *Catholic Digest*, and *U.S. Catholic*, *Americana*, the *Minneapolis Tribune*, the *St. Paul Dispatch*, the *Philadelphia Inquirer*, the *Providence Journal*, *American Bookseller*, *Instructor*, and *US. Art* (contributing writer and editor).

National Elected Officer Positions

Head, Program Chair, and Treasurer (1995-96), Vice-Head and Research Chair (1994-95), Secretary and *Clio* newsletter editor (1993-94), History Division, Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication.

President, American Journalism Historians Association, 1991-92; President-Elect and Convention Program Chair, 1990-91; Board of Directors, 1987-90.

Academic Editorships

Book Review Editor, *Literary Journalism Studies* (International Association for Literary Journalism Studies), since July 2011.

Editor, American Association of University Professors newsletter (*Faculty Voices*) for University of Minnesota chapter, 1997-98.

Editor, AEJMC History Division quarterly newsletter *Clio*, 1993-94.

Book review editor for *American Journalism*, the quarterly journal of the American Journalism Historians Association, 1989-1993.

SCHOLARLY PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS

The Press and America: An Interpretive History of the Mass Media, with Michael Emery (deceased) and Edwin Emery (deceased), 9th edition, Allyn and Bacon, 2000; 8th edition, Allyn and Bacon, 1995.

American Catholic Pacifism: The Influence of Dorothy Day and the Catholic Worker Movement. Praeger, 1996. Coauthor/editor: A. Klejment. This book won the annual Pax Christi Book Award in 1997.

American Peace Writers, Editors, and Periodicals: A Dictionary. Greenwood Press, 1991.

"As Ever, Gene": The Letters of Eugene O'Neill to George Jean Nathan, senior coauthor/editor with A. W. Roberts, Fairleigh Dickinson University Press, 1987.

Dorothy Day and the Catholic Worker, State University of New York Press, 1984.

SELECTED CONTRIBUTIONS TO BOOKS

"Literary Journalism and Social Activism," *The Routledge Companion to American Literary Journalism*, ed. William Dow and Roberta McGuire (Routledge, 2020), 256-268.

"Peace Journalism," Oxford Bibliographies in Communication, Oxford University Press, August 26, 2014, 20 pp. www.oxfordbibliographies.com [Digital Object Identifier: 10.1093/OBO/9780199756841-0155].

"Communication in the Eighteenth Century," entry for *American Centuries: The Ideas, Issues, and Trends that Made U.S. History*, Facts on File, MTM Publishing Co., 2011.

"Media and the Press" (18th century), entry for *American Centuries: The Ideas, Issues, and Trends that Made U.S. History*, Facts on File, MTM Publishing Co., 2011.

"Peace Journalism," entry for *The International Encyclopedia of Communication*, ed. Wolfgang Donsbach, vol. 8, Oxford, England and Malden, MA, 2008: Wiley-Blackwell Publishing, 3531-3533.[Digital Object Identifier: 10.1111/b.9781405131995.2008.x]

Three entries for *The Encyclopedia of American Journalism History*, ed. Stephen Vaughn ("Literary Journalism," 270-272; "Pacifist Press," 378-380; "Dorothy May Day," 134-135 (New York: Routledge, 2007; pbk., 2009).

Two entries for *The New Encyclopedia of American Journalism*, ed. Elliot King (Abigail Van Buren; Lillian Ross), M.E. Sharpe, 2015, in production.

"Professionalization of Journalism" (by Nancy L. Roberts and Giovanna Dell'Orto) in *Encyclopedia of Communication and Information*, vol. 2, ed. Jorge Reina Schement (New York: Gale, 2002), 497-499.

"Dorothy Day," *Catholic Women Writers: A Bio-Bibliographical Sourcebook*, ed. Mary E.Reichardt (Westport, CT: Greenwood Press, 2001), 81-88.

Essay on the history of U.S. women newspaper columnists for *The Oxford Companion to Women's Writing in the United States*, ed. Cathy N. Davidson, Linda Wagner-Martin, and Elizabeth Ammons (New York: Oxford University Press, 1995), 627-628.

Essay on the history of the alternative press, with Brian Gabrial (for *The Encyclopedia of the World Press*, ed. Dennis Griffiths (Fitzroy Dearborn, 2011), in production.

Entry on Ellery Sedgwick for *American National Biography*, ed. John A. Garraty and Mark C. Carnes, 24 vols. (New York: Oxford University Press, 1999), 580-581.

"The Peace/Pacifist Press" in *History of the Mass Media in the United States: An Encyclopedia*, ed. Margaret Blanchard (Chicago: Fitzroy Dearborn, 1998), 501-503.

Entry on the Catholic Worker movement for *The Encyclopedia of the American Left*, ed. Mari Jo Buhle, Paul Buhle, and Dan Georgakas (Garland, 1990), 125-126; 2nd edition (New York: Oxford University Press, 1998), 123-124.

"The Catholic Worker and the Vietnam War," with Anne Klejment (senior coauthor), in *American Catholic Pacifism: The Influence of Dorothy Day and the Catholic Worker Movement*, ed. Anne Klejment and Nancy L. Roberts, Praeger, 1996, 153-170.

"The Peace Advocacy Press," in *Outsiders in 19th-Century Press History: Multicultural Perspectives*, ed. Frankie Hutton and Barbara Straus Reed. Bowling Green State University Press, 1995, 209-238. [Note: This is an expanded version of my 1995 *Journalism History* article, cited below.]

"Dorothy Day," *The American Radical*, ed. Mari Jo Buhle, Paul Buhle and Harvey J. Kaye (New York and London: Routledge, 1994), 205-211.

"Dorothy Day" (evaluative essay), *A Sourcebook of American Literary Journalism: Representative Writers in an Emerging Genre*, ed. Thomas B. Connery (Greenwood, 1992), 179-185.

"Ellery Sedgwick" (evaluative essay), *American Magazine Journalists, 1900-1960*, 1st ser., Dictionary of Literary Biography Series, vol. 91 (Gale, 1990), 291-296.

"The Nineteenth-Century American Peace Reform Press: Some Research Issues and Directions," in *Perspectives on Nonviolence*, ed. V. K. Kool (Springer-Verlag, 1989), 10

Entries on Dorothy Day and James Parker for *Biographical Dictionary of American Journalism*, ed. Joseph P. McKerns (Greenwood, 1989), 173-175 and 539-541.

"Dorothy Day: Editor and Advocacy Journalist," for *A Revolution of the Heart: Essays on the Catholic Worker* (a volume of articles on the Catholic Worker movement), ed. Patrick Coy (Temple University Press, 1988), 115-133.

"The Catholic Worker: 50 Years of Fortitude" (editorial), in Warren Agee, Phillip H. Ault, and Edwin Emery, eds., *Maincurrents in Mass Communication* (Harper and Row, 1986), 97-99 and (Harper and Row, 1989), 72-74. (Reprint of *Christian Century* editorial.)

James Parker" (evaluative essay), *American Newspaper Journalists, 1690-1872*. Dictionary of Literary Biography Series, vol. 43 (Gale, 1985), 347-352.

"Franklin P. Adams" (evaluative essay), *American Newspaper Journalists, 1926-1950*. Dictionary of Literary Biography Series, vol. 29 (Gale, 1984), 18-25.

SELECTED ARTICLES IN REFEREED JOURNALS

"The Far-Reaching Legacy of Turn-of-the-Century News Reporting" (book review essay), *American Periodicals*, vol. 29, no. 2 (September 2019), 183-186.

"Literary journalism past and future: A journey of many miles in intriguing directions," *Literary Journalism Studies*, vol. 10, no. 2 (Fall 2018), 59-67.

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"Meridel LeSueur, Dorothy Day, and the Literary Journalism of Advocacy during the Great Depression," *Literary Journalism Studies*, vol. 7, no. 1 (Spring 2015), 45-57. This was named the best 2015 article in *Literary Journalism Studies* for 2015.

<http://ialjs.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/05/ljs-summer-15.pdf?6b8609>

"Firing the Canon: The Historical Search for Literary Journalism's Missing Links," *Literary Journalism Studies*, vol. 4, no. 2 (Fall 2012), 81-94.

"A Dozen Best: A Review of Literary Journalism Scholarship," *American Journalism (A Journal of Media History)*, vol. 25, no. 4 (Fall 2008), 139-145.

"Ten Thousand Tongues' Speaking for Peace: Purposes and Strategies of the Nineteenth-Century U.S. Peace Advocacy Press," *Journalism History*, vol. 21, no. 1 (Spring 1995), 16-28. [Note: An expanded version of this article was published as a chapter in *Outsiders in 19th-Century Press History*, ed. Hutton and Reed, 1995 (cited above).]

"Journalism and Activism: Dorothy Day's Response to the Cold War," *Peace and Change, A Journal of Peace Research*, vol. 12, nos. 1-2 (1987), 13-27.

"New Books on the Alternative Press" (review essay), *American Journalism*, vol. 2, no. 1 (1985), 97-101.

"Journalism for Justice: Dorothy Day and the *Catholic Worker*" (cover article), *Journalism History*, vol. 10, nos. 1-2 (Spring-Summer 1983), cover, 2-9.